



TOWN OF
Cummington
MASSACHUSETTS



**ANNUAL REPORT
2018**

In April the Town took delivery of a new 2018 International Model 7400 dump truck. This dump truck was equipped with a stainless steel all season dump body. The truck also has a power angle front plow and it has a wing plow.

I would like to give thanks to the town's people for this very important piece of equipment

Alan Taylor
Highway Superintendent

Town of
**CUMMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS**



**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR
ENDING
JUNE 30, 2018**

Adams Specialty & Printing Co.
Adams, Massachusetts

Town of Cummington

Established In 1762 as Township #5
Incorporated June 23, 1779

AREA
23.06 Square Miles

MILES OF TOWN ROADS
49.2

MILES OF STATE HIGHWAYS
9

UNITED STATES SENATORS
Elizabeth Warren
Edward J. Markey

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
Richard E. Neal

MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATOR
Adam Hinds

MASSACHUSETTS STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Stephen Kulik

GOVERNOR
Charles Baker

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
James A. Drawe

TOWN MEETING DATE – First Friday in May

TOWN ELECTION – Second Monday in May

POPULATION – Census 2010 - 872



Elected Officials

Member

Term Expires

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Monica M. Vandoloski | 2021 |
| Russell L. Sears, III | 2020 |
| William F. Adams | 2019 |

TOWN CLERK

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Donna Jordan | 2020 |
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TREASURER

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Susan L. Warriner | 2020 |
|-------------------|------|

TAX COLLECTOR

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Susan L. Warriner | 2021 |
|-------------------|------|

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Sam Konieczny | 2021 |
| Mark Bevan | 2020 |
| Joy Johns | 2019 |

MODERATOR

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Donna L. Forgea | 2021 |
|-----------------|------|

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Sharon Cunningham | 2021 |
| Jane Adams | 2020 |
| Theodore Lynds | 2019 |

ALMONER OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Joyce A. Wiernasz | 2021 |
| Susan L. Forgea | 2020 |
| Bernard L. Forgea | 2019 |

Member***Term Expires*****COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS**

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Amanda Savoie | 2021 |
| Kenneth Howes | 2020 |
| Joyce A. Wiernasz | 2019 |

WATER COMMISSIONERS

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Tomasz Jaracz | 2021 |
| Dann Emerson | 2020 |
| Donna L. Forgea | 2019 |

TRUSTEES of the BRYANT FREE LIBRARY

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Eliza Dragon | 2023 |
| Gregory Tessier | 2022 |
| Brenda S. Arbib | 2021 |
| Deborah Hoechstetter | 2020 |
| John Maruskin | 2019 |

FINANCE COMMITTEE

| | |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Scott B. Keith | 2021 |
| Maureen L. Tumenas | 2021 |
| Daniel G. Loux | 2020 |
| Dennis W. Forgea | 2020 |
| Geraldine Wilcox | 2019 |
| Jill Figliozzi | 2019 |
| Susan L. Warriner, Treasurer | |
| (Ex-Officio non-voting member) | 2019 |
| Donna L. Forgea, Moderator | |
| (Ex-officio non-voting member) | 2019 |

BOARD of HEALTH

| | |
|------------------|------|
| John G. Earls | 2021 |
| Judith C. Bogart | 2020 |
| James Wettereau | 2019 |

Member***Term Expires*****PLANNING BOARD**

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Kalyon Uprichard | 2023 |
| Lee Fournier-Lewis | 2022 |
| Kathryn Harrison | 2021 |
| Robert Taylor | 2020 |
| Judith C. Bogart | 2019 |

**CUMMINGTON RECREATION
and PETTINGILL MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE**

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Donna L. Forgea | 2021 |
| Laurie A. Freitag | 2021 |
| Amy Grallert | 2021 |
| Eliza Dragon | 2020 |
| Jennifer O'Neil | 2020 |
| Nicole Wortis | 2019 |
| Geraldine Wilcox | 2019 |

COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS

| | |
|----------------|------|
| James A. Drawe | 2021 |
|----------------|------|

CONSTABLES

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Sharon J. Cunningham | 2019 |
| Michael A. Perkins, III | 2019 |

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT BOARD

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Allan Douglas | 2021 |
| Maureen Tumenas | 2021 |
| Brenda Arbib | 2020 |
| Michael Perkins II | 2020 |
| Scott Keith | 2019 |

**REPRESENTATIVE to CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

| | |
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| Vacant | 2020 |
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Appointed Officials

Appointments by the Board of Selectmen

| <i>Member</i> | <i>Term Expires</i> |
|---------------|---------------------|
|---------------|---------------------|

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Paul H. Streeter | 2021 |
| Sara Fournier-Scanlon | 2021 |
| Jeanette A. Horton | 2020 |
| Loredana Holmes | 2020 |
| Tomasz Jaracz | 2020 |
| H. Sydney O'Leary | 2019 |
| Daniel G. Loux | 2019 |

APPEALS, ZONING BOARD of

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Michael Holden | 2021 |
| Kenneth L. Howes | 2020 |
| Ernest T. Strong | 2020 |
| Mark G. Bevan | 2019 |
| Carla C. Ness | 2019 |

LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Eliza Dragon | 2021 |
| Becky Kravetz | 2021 |
| John Bye | 2021 |
| Seva Tower | 2020 |
| Jeanne Johns | 2020 |
| Patricia Brundage | 2020 |
| Kim Wachtel | 2020 |
| June Ferrin | Emerita |

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Robert D. Dextraze | 2019 |
| William F. Adams | 2019 |
| Jacob Jordan | 2019 |
| Gloria Robbins | 2019 |
| Russell L. Sears, III | 2019 |
| Monica M. Vandoloski | 2019 |

Member***Term Expires*****EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| Bernard L. Forgea | 2019 |
| Adam Dragon, Assistant | 2019 |
| Dennis W. Forgea | 2019 |
| Sara Fournier-Scanlon | 2019 |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Sara Fournier-Scanlon | 2021 |
| Matthew Drawe | 2021 |
| Alan Douglas | 2021 |
| Robert D. Dextraze | 2020 |
| John D. Eisenhour | 2020 |
| Gerald F. Howes, Jr. | 2019 |
| Robert Arbib | 2019 |

COUNCIL on AGING

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Kathleen Knox | 2021 |
| Anne Lambert | 2021 |
| Nancy Cole | 2021 |
| Margaret L. Daniels | 2020 |
| JoDee Simard | 2020 |
| Elliot Ring | 2019 |
| Worth Noyes | 2019 |

FENCE VIEWERS & FIELD DRIVERS

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Peter Marcoux | 2019 |
|---------------|------|

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

| | |
|-------------|------|
| Alan Taylor | 2019 |
|-------------|------|

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Karen Westergard | 2021 |
| Patricia Keith | 2021 |
| Michael Daniels | 2020 |
| Susan Riley | 2020 |
| Stephen M. Howes | 2019 |
| Carla C. Ness | 2019 |
| Lawrence R. Slezak | 2019 |

Member***Term Expires*****INSPECTOR of ANIMALS**

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Kenneth Howes | 2019 |
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INSPECTOR of BUILDINGS

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|------------------|------|
| Joseph Latronica | 2019 |
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INSPECTOR of GAS FITTINGS

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Donald Lawton | 2019 |
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INSPECTOR of WIRING

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| William Graham | 2019 |
| John Lyons, Assistant | 2019 |

POLICE CHIEF

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| Michael Andrew Perkins, II | 2019 |
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POLICE OFFICERS

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Sharon Cunningham | 2019 |
| Jeffrey Fish | 2019 |

FIRE CHIEF

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Bernard Forgea | 2019 |
|----------------|------|

REGISTRAR of VOTERS

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Mary Bourdon | 2021 |
| Donna Jordan | 2020 |
| Brenda Emerson-Camp | 2020 |
| Brenda Arbib | 2019 |

SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE to LIBRARY TRUSTEES

| | |
|------------|------|
| Jane Adams | 2019 |
|------------|------|

Member***Term Expires*****ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER****SURVEYORS of WOOD & TIMBER**

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Robert D. Dextraze | 2019 |
| David F. Robb, Jr. | 2019 |

TOWN COUNSEL

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Michael Siddall | 2019 |
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TREE WARDEN

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Robert Dextraze | 2019 |
| Alan Taylor | 2019 |

VETERANS AGENT

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Inter-Municipal Veterans Services | |
| Thomas Geryk | 2019 |

LOWER PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Mark Malinak | 2019 |
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RIGHT to KNOW COORDINATORS

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| James D. Martin, Jr. | 2019 |
| Ernest Strong | 2019 |

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Elizabeth Braccia | 2019 |
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SECRETARY to SELECTMEN

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|----------------------|------|
| Monica M. Vandoloski | 2019 |
|----------------------|------|

Member***Term Expires*****HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PROJECTION COMMITTEE**

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Robert Dextraze | 2019 |
| Peter J. Marcoux, Sr. | 2019 |
| Delbert H. Robbins | 2019 |
| Russell L. Sears, III | 2019 |
| Ernest T. Strong | 2019 |
| Alan Taylor | 2019 |

BUILDING REVIEW COMMITTEE

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Mark Demaranville | 2019 |
| Roger B. Gunn | 2019 |
| Peter Tessier | 2019 |
| Eliot Ring | 2019 |
| James D. Martin, Jr. | 2019 |

PETTINGILL CLOCK COMMITTEE

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Scott B. Keith | 2019 |
|----------------|------|

WESTFIELD RIVER WILD & SCENIC PROGRAM**Advisory Committee**

| | |
|------------|------|
| Amy Pulley | 2019 |
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EDUCATION ADHOC COMMITTEE

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Jill Figliozi | 2019 |
| Nicole Wortis | 2019 |
| Joshua Wachtel | 2019 |

CUMMINGTON WEB SITE

<http://www.Cummington-Ma.gov>

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Cummington

A lot of time by the Board was spent on an issue which is on everyone's mind "what are we going to do about Route 112"?

The Board altered its MassWorks grant application from Dodwells-Bryant Road to the Route 112 issue. Early in the process, we took Lieutenant Governor Polito to view the road, met with Department of Transportation officials to discuss various options of financing reconstruction and sent letters to various federally elected politicians seeking financial assistance. Ultimately we met with Mass DOT official Kathy Stevens, longtime Chapter 90 liaison and highway engineer, and decided to seek 1.3 million dollars through the MassWorks Program.

Silktown Roofing completed the roofing project at the Berkshire Trail School building. Total cost came to \$343,000.00 which included engineer, architect etc.

Systems Plumbing and Heating (Ryan Rida) won the bid to replace the furnaces at the Public Safety Complex. Oil fired boilers were replaced by propane fired boilers. This project cost \$35,750.00

The fuel pumps at the Highway Garage were upgraded and equipped with a monitoring system to track each department's fuel usage. This should lead to better accountability.

Frederica Chick, gravestone conservator, continues her work for the Town repairing headstones in our various cemeteries. She produced before and after pictures in notebook fashion of the Bryant Cemetery.

The Board hired Emily Holmberg, Surveyor, to produce the necessary documents for State Representative Steve Kulik to file legislation to secure additional land for the Bryant Cemetery.

The Highway Department did Chapter 90 work on Savoy Road (\$46,439) and Nash Road (\$224,419) which involved paving, shouldering and drainage work. They also put out gravel on various gravel roads.

James Kaleta was hired as the fourth highway employee.

Issues concerning the Berkshire Trail School Building still consume a lot of time. We'd like to thank Roger Gunn and Monica Vandoloski for the time they spend overseeing things at the school building. We would like to think we finally have a handle on the heating system issues and plumbing issues. Because of the diversity of tenants using the building, the building use code was changed from educational to multi-use.

Work at the Community House included refinishing the wood floors in the back section and refurbishing some of the ceiling tiles in the auditorium.

We lost two longtime town officials. Barbara Goldsmith, who served as Town Treasurer, Town Clerk and most notably on the Historical Commission, and Stephen Howes, longtime Historical Commissioner and Commissioner of Trust Funds. With the passing of these two individuals we in this Town lost unsurmountable historical knowledge.

The Board hired Angelica Desroches as Assistant Accountant with the expectations that she would eventually replace Elizabeth Braccia, the current Accountant.

We appointed Casey Dwyer as our new Animal Control Officer. This position is now a shared appointment with the Town of Plainfield.

At the Annual Town Meeting in May, the Gold Headed Cane was presented to Jane Emerson as our oldest citizen of Cummington. Jane was joined in this historic event by her family. We offer our congratulations to Jane—great milestone.

We are a community that welcomes, supports and looks out for one another. To each and every one of you, thank you for your willingness to serve and make a difference. We can't do it without you. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell L. Sears, III, Chairman
Monica M. Vandoloski
William F. Adams

Expenditures 2018

| 001.100.5110 - Official Salaries | | | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Appropriation | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
| | 36,220 | | | |
| Adams Jane W. | | 15 | | |
| Adams William F. | | 1,300 | | |
| Bevan Mark G. | | 1,100 | | |
| Bogart Judith C. | | 1,000 | | |
| Cunningham Sharon | | 40 | | |
| Dextraze Jr. Robert | | 50 | | |
| Earls John G. | | 500 | | |
| Emerson Dann M. | | 300 | | |
| Forgea Donna | | 600 | | |
| Jaracz Tomasz | | 300 | | |
| Johns Joy M. | | 1,100 | | |
| Jordan Donna C. | | 5,000 | | |
| Konieczny Samuel | | 1,200 | | |
| Lynds Theodore F. | | 15 | | |
| Sears III Russell L. | | 1,500 | | |
| Split Payroll | | 33 | | |
| Vandoloski Monica | | 1,300 | | |
| Warriner Susan L. | | 20,367 | | |
| Wettereau James O. | | 458 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 42 | 0 |
| 001.100.5400 - Administration General | | | | |
| Appropriation | 4,971 | | | |
| Adams Specialty & Printing Co. | | 85 | | |
| Cummington Supply Inc. | | 15 | | |
| Division of Unemployment Asst. | | 534 | | |
| Hampshire Council of Governments | | 486 | | |
| Mass Labor Law Poster Service | | 80 | | |
| MMA | | 503 | | |
| Mohawk Office Equipment Co., Inc. | | 676 | | |
| Monica Vandoloski | | 94 | | |
| Paradise Copies | | 98 | | |
| Turley Publications, Inc. | | 152 | | |
| U. S. Postal Service | | 170 | | |
| Unemployment Reclass | | (534) | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 520 | | |
| Year End | (600) | 0 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 1,493 | 0 |
| 001.100.5430 - Admin Various Officials | | | | |
| Appropriation | 800 | | | |
| Split Payroll | 0 | 318 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 482 | |

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|---|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 001.122.5400 - Adminstration Selectmen | Appro- piation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
| Appropriation | 13,500 | | | |
| Jordan Jared R. | | 255 | | |
| Split Payroll | | 432 | | |
| Vandoloski Monica | | 12,369 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 444 | |
| 001.122.5810 - Municipal Light Plant | | | | |
| Appropriation | 1,000 | | | |
| Wiredwest | | 1,000 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| 001.122.5820 - Cemetery Capital | | | | |
| Appropriation | 10,000 | | | |
| Frederica Chick | | 10,000 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| 001.131.5400 - Admin Finance Committee | | | | |
| Appropriation | 130 | | | |
| Assoc. of Town Finance Committees | | 135 | | |
| Year End | 5 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| 001.132.5400 - Reserve Fund | | | | |
| Appropriation | 6,000 | | | |
| Transfer to Highway Garage | (1,737) | | | |
| Year End | (2,200) | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 2,063 | |
| 001.135.5100 - Accountant Salary | | | | |
| Appropriation | 11,700 | | | |
| Braccia Elizabeth J. | | 10,183 | | |
| Jordan Jared R. | | 555 | | |
| Split Payroll | | 17 | | |
| STM 06/28/18 | 2,750 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 945 | 2,750 |
| 001.135.5400 - Admin Accountant | | | | |
| Appropriation | 4,590 | | | |
| Accela, Inc. | | 4,163 | | |
| Elizabeth J. Braccia | | 230 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 197 | |
| 001.136.5400 - Town Audit | | | | |
| Appropriation | 8,000 | | | |
| Carry Forwards | 18,000 | | | |
| Scanlon & Associates | | 14,500 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 11,500 | |

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|---|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 001.141.5111 - Assessor's Clerk | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
| | 10,300 | | | |
| Johns Joy M. | | 10,150 | | |
| Split Payroll | | (708) | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 858 | |
| 001.141.5200 - Assessor's Consultant | | | | |
| | 7,500 | | | |
| Community Software Consortium | | | | |
| Joy Johns | | | | |
| Mark Bevan (Viewings) | | 341 | | |
| Mayflower Valuation, Ltd. | | 2,600 | | |
| Patriot Properties | | (2,000) | | |
| Patriot Properties, Inc. | | 2,000 | | |
| Split Payroll | | 2,040 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 2,519 | |
| 001.141.5400 - Admin Assessors | | | | |
| | 3,800 | | | |
| Daily Hampshire Gazette | | 45 | | |
| Dirig Design | | 765 | | |
| HHCAA | | 70 | | |
| Joy Johns | | 20 | | |
| MAAO | | 100 | | |
| Patriot Properties | | 2,000 | | |
| U. S. Postal Service | | 397 | | |
| W. B Mason Reclass | | (35) | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 429 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 10 | |
| 001.141.5430 - Assessor's Tax Maps | | | | |
| | 1,900 | | | |
| MainstreetGIS, LLC | | 1,900 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| 001.145.5400 - Administrator Treasurer | | | | |
| | 6,119 | | | |
| Accela, Inc. | | 4,163 | | |
| Hampshire/Franklin County CT | | 10 | | |
| Inform Business Systems | | 86 | | |
| MA Collector & Treasurer Assoc. | | 25 | | |
| Siddall & Siddall, P.C. | | 50 | | |
| Susan Warriner | | 81 | | |
| U. S. Postal Service | | 26 | | |
| University Conference Services | | 95 | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 319 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 1,264 | |

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|---|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 001.146.5400 - Admin Tax Collector | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
| | 8,154 | | | |
| MA Collector & Treasurer Assoc. | | 25 | | |
| Phoenix Computer Systems | | 750 | | |
| Point Software | | 4,675 | | |
| U. S. Postal Service | | 526 | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 881 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 1,022 | 275 |
| 001.151.5200 - Town Counsel | | | | |
| | 10,000 | | | |
| Siddall & Siddall, P.C. | | 750 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 250 | 9,000 |
| 001.158.5400 - Tax Title Expenses | | | | |
| | 5,000 | | | |
| Carry Forward | 1,363 | | | |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts | | 590 | | |
| Daily Hampshire Gazette | | 146 | | |
| Hampshire County Registry of Deeds | | 375 | | |
| Siddall & Siddall, P. C. | | 7,419 | | |
| Transfer From Reserve Fund | 2,200 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 33 | |
| 001.161.5400 - Admin Town Clerk | | | | |
| | 1,200 | | | |
| Donna Douglas | | 9 | | |
| Donna Jordan | | 129 | | |
| MA Town Clerk's Association | | 30 | | |
| U. S. Postal Service | | 245 | | |
| W. B Mason Reclass | | 35 | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 310 | | |
| Western MA City & Town Clerks' Assoc. | | 23 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 419 | |
| 001.162.5110 - Election & Registration | | | | |
| | 500 | | | |
| Bogart Judith C. | | 33 | | |
| Brundage Patricia | | 44 | | |
| Cunningham Sharon | | 510 | | |
| Cunningham, Sharon | | (405) | | |
| Horton Jeannette A. | | 33 | | |
| Jay Kristin M. | | 33 | | |
| Johns Joy M. | | 44 | | |
| Wolf Carolyn | | 77 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 131 | |

| 001.162.5400 - Election & Registration | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Appropriation | 500 | | | |
| Danforth Printing | | 138 | | |
| Donna Jordan | | 46 | | |
| Owen G. Dunn Company | | 35 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 160 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 001.171.5400 - Conservation Commission | | | | |
| Appropriation | 150 | | | |
| Ad in Gazette | | (74) | | |
| Daily Hampshire Gazette | | 217 | | |
| Donna Douglas | | 7 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 001.175.5400 - Planning Board | | | | |
| Appropriation | 1,600 | | | |
| Brundage Patricia | | (68) | | |
| Daily Hampshire Gazette | | 150 | | |
| Turley Publications, Inc. | | 80 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 1,438 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 001.176.5400 - ZBA | | | | |
| Appropriation | 500 | | | |
| Turley Publications, Inc. | | 40 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 460 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 001.192.5340 - IT Maintenance | | | | |
| Appropriation | 0 | | | |
| Douglas Donna | | 717 | | |
| Year End | 717 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 001.192.5340 - Internet/Telephone | | | | |
| Appropriation | 19,000 | | | |
| Crocker Telecommunications, LLC | | 3,748 | | |
| DD Graphics Web Media | | 760 | | |
| George Propane, Inc. | | 404 | | |
| Reclass | | (404) | | |
| Split Payroll | | (138) | | |
| Verizon | | 6,231 | | |
| Verizon Business | | 19 | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 78 | | |
| Year End | (717) | 0 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 7,584 | |

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|---|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 001.192.5400 - Community House | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
| Appropriation | 15,584 | | | |
| Alternative Recycling Systems | | 738 | | |
| Crocker Telecommunications, LLC | | 337 | | |
| Cummington Supply Inc. | | 38 | | |
| Eversource | | 3,083 | | |
| Foster Farrar | | 42 | | |
| George Propane, Inc. | | 5,218 | | |
| Horton Jeannette A. | | 2,880 | | |
| Jordan Jacob R. | | 300 | | |
| Reclass | | (288) | | |
| Simplex Grinnell | | 1,848 | | |
| Split Payroll | | 572 | | |
| Stevensville Corporation | | 274 | | |
| Susan Warriner | | 20 | | |
| Town of Cummington | | 307 | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 215 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
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| 001.192.5460 - Lawn Mowing | | | | |
| Appropriation | 4,495 | | | |
| Frank Labelle's Sales & Services, Inc. | | 47 | | |
| Mister Tire | | 16 | | |
| Robbins Gloria | | 1,848 | | |
| Westfield Equipment Service | | 350 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 2,234 | |
| | | | | |
| 001.192.5850 - Community House Capital | | | | |
| Carry Forwards | 10,000 | | | |
| Duggans Floor Sanding & Refurb. | | 1,800 | | |
| Hackworth Systems | | 3,735 | | |
| Monica Vandoloski | | 121 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | (0) | 4,344 |
| | | | | |
| 001.195.5200 - Town Reports | | | | |
| Appropriation | 3,400 | | | |
| Adams Specialty & Printing Co. | | 1,936 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 1,464 | |
| | | | | |
| 001.210.5100 - Police Dept Salaries | | | | |
| Appropriation | 19,400 | | | |
| Cunningham Sharon | | 1,065 | | |
| Cunningham Sharon | | 405 | | |
| Perkins Michael A. | | 17,670 | | |
| Split Payroll | | 188 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 73 | |

| 001.210.5400 - Police Department | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Appropriation | 12,500 | | | |
| Baycom Inc. | | 338 | | |
| Commonwealth of Mass | | 23 | | |
| Conklin Office Services, Inc. | | 355 | | |
| Cummington Supply Inc. | | 14 | | |
| DD Graphics Web Media | | 280 | | |
| Ed's Auto Repair | | 1,046 | | |
| FBI - Leeda | | 50 | | |
| Foremost Promotion | | 263 | | |
| Hampshire Sheriff's Office | | 828 | | |
| HIGGINS | | 83 | | |
| IKey | | 395 | | |
| Integration Partners Corporation | | 630 | | |
| MA Chiefs of Police Assoc., Inc. | | 799 | | |
| Massachusetts Police Association | | 54 | | |
| Michael Perkins | | 49 | | |
| Mister Tire | | 140 | | |
| MPA-PAC | | 6 | | |
| Municipal Police Institute, Inc. | | 404 | | |
| Nespin | | 100 | | |
| Newegg Business, Inc. | | 1,360 | | |
| Pittsfield Communications | | 650 | | |
| Raynor Door Sales | | 105 | | |
| Sentry Uniform Inc. | | 1,518 | | |
| System Works LLC | | 150 | | |
| TMDE Calibration Labs, Inc. | | 269 | | |
| U. S. Postal Service | | 122 | | |
| Verizon | | 1,710 | | |
| Voss Signs | | 195 | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 119 | | |
| Western Mass Chiefs of Police Assoc | | 100 | | |
| WMLEC | | 300 | | |

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| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | 45 | |
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001.210.5800 - Police Capital

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| Appropriation | 8,000 | | |
| Carry Forward | 249 | | |

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| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | 0 | 8,249 |
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001.220.5400 - FD & Forest Warden

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|---|---------------|-------|--|
| Appropriation | 20,289 | | |
| Bacon's Equipment | | 887 | |
| Berkshire County Fire Chiefs Assoc. | | 100 | |
| Berkshire Cycle | | 78 | |
| Bernard Forgea | | 197 | |
| Carry Forwards | 883 | | |
| Certified Laboratories | | 263 | |
| Conrad Liebenow | | 148 | |
| DLC | | 1,800 | |
| Ed's Auto Repair | | 688 | |
| Emergency Services Marketing Corp. Inc. | | 355 | |

| 001.220.5400 - FD & Forest Warden (continued) | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Eversource | | 0 | | |
| Fail Safe Testing, LLC | | 1,969 | | |
| FCAM | | 200 | | |
| G & S Industrial, Inc. | | 203 | | |
| Gleason Fire Equipment | | 330 | | |
| Mass Mobile Inspections | | 460 | | |
| Massachusetts Fire Technologies, Inc. | | 657 | | |
| NEVFEC | | 100 | | |
| New England Fire Equip & Apparatus Corp. | | 746 | | |
| NFPA | | 175 | | |
| Pittsfield Communications | | 230 | | |
| Strategic Safety Dynamics LLC | | 1,950 | | |
| Task Force 1 | | 300 | | |
| Western MA Fire Chiefs Association | | 115 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | (0) | 9,223 |
| 001.220.5800 - Fire Dept Capital | | | | |
| Appropriation | 4,000 | | | |
| A. W. Perkins Company | | 1,292 | | |
| Carry Forwards | 4,622 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | 7,330 |
| 001.231.5400 - Highland Ambulance | | | | |
| Appropriation | 47,653 | | | |
| Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc. | | 47,220 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 433 | |
| 001.241.5100 - Building Inspector Wages | | | | |
| Appropriation | 9,000 | | | |
| Latronica Joseph P. | | 8,989 | | |
| Split Payroll | | (325) | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 336 | |
| 001.241.5400 - Building Inspector Admin | | | | |
| Appropriation | 500 | | | |
| International Code Council | | 135 | | |
| Joseph Latronica | | 41 | | |
| U. S. Postal Service | | 50 | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 208 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 66 | |
| 001.290.5400 - Public Safety Complex | | | | |
| Appropriation | 17,414 | | | |
| Absolute Fire Protection, Inc. | | 320 | | |
| Bacon's Equipment | | 13 | | |
| Bernard Forgea | | 67 | | |

| 001.290.5400 - Public Safety Complex (continued) | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Conduent Business Services, LLC | | 675 | | |
| Eliza J. Dragon | | 20 | | |
| Emergency Services Marketing Corp. Inc. | | 0 | | |
| Eversource | | 4,610 | | |
| Fire Detection Systems | | 330 | | |
| George Propane, Inc | | 4,858 | | |
| Hackworth Systems | | 395 | | |
| Hampshire County Fire Defense Assoc. | | 600 | | |
| Kinsley Power Systems | | 1,424 | | |
| Massachusetts Fire Technologies, Inc. | | 657 | | |
| NFPA | | 199 | | |
| Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc. | | 599 | | |
| Town of Cummington | | 1,135 | | |
| Whiting Energy Fuels | | 382 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 1,130 | |
| | | | | |
| 001.290.5800 - Public Safety Complex Cap | | | | |
| Appropriation | 36,000 | | | |
| Carry Forwards | 3,492 | | | |
| George Propane, Inc | | 2,740 | | |
| Systems Plumbing & Heating | | 35,750 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | 1,002 |
| | | | | |
| 001.291.5400 - Emergency Management | | | | |
| Appropriation | 1,876 | | | |
| Alice Cozzolino | | 295 | | |
| Blackboard | | 1,046 | | |
| Carry Forwards | 5,619 | | | |
| Spruce Corner Restaurant | | 244 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 910 | 5,000 |
| | | | | |
| 001.292.5100 - Animal Control Officer | | | | |
| Appropriation | 1,080 | | | |
| Dwyer Casey E. | | 875 | | |
| Split Payroll | | 175 | | |
| Year End | 875 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 905 | |
| | | | | |
| 001.292.5400 - Animal Control Officer | | | | |
| Appropriation | 3,000 | | | |
| Budget Amendment | (1,080) | | | |
| Hampshire Council of Governments | | 49 | | |
| Year End | (875) | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 996 | |
| | | | | |
| 001.293.5400 - Animal Inspector | | | | |
| Appropriation | 500 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 500 | |

| 001.294.5400 - Tree Account | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Appropriation | 6,000 | | | |
| Howes Tree and Landscaping | | 5,990 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 10 | |
| 001.300.5320 - Vocational Tuition | | | | |
| Appropriation | 122,892 | | | |
| Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School | | 137,634 | | |
| Year End | 14,742 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| 001.300.5330 - CBRSD Transportation | | | | |
| Appropriation | 29,044 | | | |
| Central Berkshire Regional S. D. | | 29,044 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| 001.300.5400 - CBRSD Operating Expense | | | | |
| Appropriation | 794,975 | | | |
| Central Berkshire Regional S. D. | | 793,906 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 1,069 | |
| 001.300.5800 - CBRSD Capital Expense | | | | |
| Appropriation | 8,272 | | | |
| Central Berkshire Regional S. D. | | 8,272 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| 001.301.5330 - Vocational Transportation | | | | |
| Appropriation | 41,974 | | | |
| Stevensville Corp. | | 41,974 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| 001.302.5400 - Berkshire Trail School Building | | | | |
| Appropriation | 50,000 | | | |
| Air Compressor Engineering Co. Inc. | | 2,070 | | |
| Alternative Recycling Systems | | 599 | | |
| B-G Mechanical Service, Inc. | | 3,221 | | |
| Carry Forwards | 11,556 | | | |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts | | 150 | | |
| Cumington Supply Inc. | | 37 | | |
| D. J. Clary Plumbing & Heating | | 747 | | |
| Eversource | | 17,653 | | |
| George Propane, Inc | | 1,749 | | |
| Graham Electric | | 1,974 | | |
| Lee Audio 'N Security, Inc. | | 293 | | |

| 001.302.5400 - Berkshire Trail School Building <i>(continued)</i> | Appro- piation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| SNE Building Systems | | 10,230 | | |
| Stevensville Corporation | | 375 | | |
| Town of Cummington | | 1,906 | | |
| Verizon | | 101 | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 5 | | |
| Whiting Energy Fuels | | 19,776 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 669 | |

001.422.5110 - Highway Salaries

| | | | | |
|--|----------------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| Appropriation | 164,075 | | | |
| Crane James R. | | 33,641 | | |
| Dewkett Robert R. | | 13,252 | | |
| Dextraze Jr. Robert | | 39,092 | | |
| Kaleta James W. | | 14,560 | | |
| Split Payroll | | 1,429 | | |
| Taylor Alan L. | | 50,619 | | |
| Taylor Jared A. | | 1,802 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 1,181 | 8,500 |

001.422.5130 - Highway Overtime

| | | | | |
|--|---------------|-------|--------------|--|
| Appropriation | 17,366 | | | |
| Crane James R. | | 3,182 | | |
| Dewkett Robert R. | | 122 | | |
| Dextraze Jr. Robert | | 5,403 | | |
| Kaleta James W. | | 1,065 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 7,595 | |

001.422.5150 - Highway Vac, Hol, Sick & Pers

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|--|---------------|-------|------------|--|
| Appropriation | 23,973 | | | |
| 001.192.5400.0000 | | (60) | | |
| Crane James R | | 4,172 | | |
| Dewkett Robert R | | 440 | | |
| Dextraze Jr Robert | | 5,710 | | |
| Kaleta James W | | 480 | | |
| Split Payroll | | (587) | | |
| Taylor Alan L | | 6,727 | | |
| Year End | (6,242) | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 849 | |

001.422.5400 - Highway Admin

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------|--|--|
| Appropriation | 12,500 | | | |
| Advanced Tank Testing Services, Inc. | | 500 | | |
| Airgas USA, LLC | | 368 | | |
| Cummington Supply Inc. | | 6 | | |
| Dave's Oil Burner Service | | 110 | | |
| Donbeck Sales | | 271 | | |
| Eversource | | 1,542 | | |

| 001.422.5400 - Highway Admin <i>(continued)</i> | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Fleetpride | | 31 | | |
| Miller's Petroleum System, Inc | | 7,229 | | |
| Town of Cummington | | 586 | | |
| Transfer From Reserve Fund | 1,737 | | | |
| Verizon | | | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 149 | | |
| Whiting Energy Fuels | | 3,045 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 401 | |

001.422.5415 - Highway Tool & Machinery

| Appropriation | 70,000 | | | |
|--|---------------|--------|----------|--|
| Advanced Tank Testing Services, Inc. | | 1,638 | | |
| Amber Energy | | 1,545 | | |
| Bacon's Equipment | | 26 | | |
| Berkshire Transmissions, Inc. | | 7,872 | | |
| Carquest of Shelburne Falls | | 5 | | |
| City Tire Co., Inc. | | 210 | | |
| Cummington Supply Inc. | | 42 | | |
| Dennis K. Burke, Inc | | 26,318 | | |
| Donbeck Sales | | 69 | | |
| Fastenal | | 60 | | |
| Gateway Motors | | 88 | | |
| GRS Equipment Services | | 24,451 | | |
| Hampshire Towing | | 788 | | |
| JMS Auto Parts | | 212 | | |
| L. F. Powers Co., Inc. | | 790 | | |
| Lawson Products | | 191 | | |
| Mass Mobile Inspections | | 805 | | |
| Miller's Petroleum System, Inc. | | 414 | | |
| Padula Brothers | | 130 | | |
| Patriot Freightliner-Western Star | | 860 | | |
| Peter J. Marcoux | | 740 | | |
| Sessions Repair | | 4,025 | | |
| Sirum Equipment Company, Inc. | | 250 | | |
| Year End | 1,525 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |

001.422.5420 - Highway General

| Appropriation | 100,000 | | | |
|--|----------------|-----|--|--|
| Advanced Tank Testing Services, Inc. | | 300 | | |
| Bacon's Equipment | | 323 | | |
| Bergeron Contracting | | 680 | | |
| California Contractors Supplies Inc. | | 431 | | |
| Carquest of Shelburne Falls | | 324 | | |
| Certified Laboratories | | 451 | | |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts | | 50 | | |
| Cummington Supply Inc. | | 415 | | |
| Donbeck Sales | | 6 | | |
| Frank Labelle's Sales & Services, Inc. | | 67 | | |
| George D. Judd & Sons LLC | | 928 | | |
| Jamie Crane | | 125 | | |

| 001.422.5420 - Highway General <i>(continued)</i> | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Kimball Midwest | | 609 | | |
| Lawson Products | | 262 | | |
| Maintenance Man Inc. | | 7,245 | | |
| Meehan Construction Co., Inc. | | 1,829 | | |
| Palmer Paving Corporation | | 7,991 | | |
| Pantermehl Land Clearing, Inc. | | 32,256 | | |
| Peter J. Marcoux | | 680 | | |
| R. I. Baker Co. Inc. | | 4,355 | | |
| Rhomar Industries, Inc. | | 796 | | |
| Robert Dextraze | | 418 | | |
| S & S Machine & Welding, Inc. | | 150 | | |
| Sealcoating Inc. | | 18,683 | | |
| Sessions Repair | | 62 | | |
| Shanahan Construction Supply Co. | | 103 | | |
| Sugarledge Stone Quarry, Inc. | | 9,844 | | |
| Underground Supply, Inc. | | 368 | | |
| Unifirst Corporation | | 2,237 | | |
| Warner Brothers, LLC | | 1,116 | | |
| Wholesale Distributors | | 982 | | |
| Year End | (4,895) | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 1,021 | |
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| 001.422.5430 - Highway Misc. | | | | |
| Appropriation | 1,000 | | | |
| Custom Drug Testing | | 65 | | |
| Mass Tri-County Highway Supt. Assoc. | | 25 | | |
| Massachusetts Highway Association | | 80 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 830 | |
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| 001.422.5800 - Highway Capital | | | | |
| Appropriation | 0 | | | |
| ATM Capital Budget | 21,000 | | | |
| Carry Forwards | 2,331 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | (0) | 23,331 |
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| 001.422.5820 - Highway Building Repair | | | | |
| Appropriation | 6,122 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | 6,122 |
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| 001.422.5835 - Lease of Brush Mower | | | | |
| Appropriation | 3,747 | | | |
| Carry Forwards | 1,836 | | | |
| Deere Credit, Inc. | | 29,511 | | |
| Eversource | | (26,000) | | |
| Towns Sharing Brush Mower | | (1,600) | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | (0) | 3,673 |

| 001.423.5400 - Winter Roads | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Appropriation | 80,000 | | | |
| Cargill Deicing Technology | | 25,701 | | |
| Carquest of Shelburne Falls | | 181 | | |
| Certified Laboratories | | 325 | | |
| George D. Judd & Sons LLC | | 53,560 | | |
| GRS Equipment Services | | 184 | | |
| S & S Machine & Welding, Inc. | | 85 | | |
| Sessions Repair | | 296 | | |
| Wholesale Distributors | | 919 | | |
| Year End | 3,370 | | | |
| Zwack, Inc. | | 2,118 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| | | | | |
| 001.450.5100 - Water Wages | | | | |
| Appropriation | 11,000 | | | |
| Forgea Dennis | | 10,400 | | |
| Warriner Susan L. | | 200 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 400 | |
| | | | | |
| 001.450.5400 - Water | | | | |
| Appropriation | 40,500 | | | |
| Astro Chemicals, Inc. | | 5,203 | | |
| Berntsen International, Inc. | | 722 | | |
| Cummington Supply Inc. | | 37 | | |
| Dennis Forgea | | 55 | | |
| Dept. of Environmental Protection | | 91 | | |
| Division of Prof. Licensure | | 198 | | |
| E. J. Prescott, Inc. | | 281 | | |
| Everett J. Prescott, Inc. | | 865 | | |
| Eversource | | 5,069 | | |
| F. W. Webb Company | | 902 | | |
| George Propane, Inc. | | 1,302 | | |
| Graham Electric | | 2,461 | | |
| Housatonic Basin Sampling & Testing | | 5,261 | | |
| Mass Rural Water Association | | 200 | | |
| Massachusetts Water Works Assoc. | | 475 | | |
| Pittsburg Tank & Tower Maintenance Co., Inc. | | 4,200 | | |
| R. E. Erickson Co., Inc. | | 1,995 | | |
| STM May 4, 2018 | 5,000 | | | |
| Susan Warriner | | 73 | | |
| Systems Plumbing & Heating | | 428 | | |
| USABlueBook | | 62 | | |
| USDA | | 21,844 | | |
| Verizon | | 802 | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 65 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | (7,091) | |

| 001.455.5400 - Water Hydrant Assessment | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Appropriation | 9,500 | | | |
| Town of Cummington | | 9,500 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |

001.510.5400 - Board of Health

| | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------|--------------|--|
| Appropriation | 63,500 | | | |
| Barbara Curran | | 275 | | |
| Brundage Patricia | | 135 | | |
| Corinne Sharkey | | 12 | | |
| Cummington Supply Inc. | | 216 | | |
| Dave Wickles Trucking | | 20,866 | | |
| Ely Jr. Robert J. | | 4,350 | | |
| Eversource | | 2,032 | | |
| Foster Farrar | | 272 | | |
| Hatfield Printing & Publishing | | 1,259 | | |
| Hilltown Environmental Consulting | | 300 | | |
| HRMC | | 4,438 | | |
| James Wettereau | | 141 | | |
| Jaracz Tomasz | | 384 | | |
| Jordan Donna C. | | 228 | | |
| Maguire Equipment Inc. | | 1,350 | | |
| NFPA | | 0 | | |
| Paradise Copies | | 492 | | |
| Pittsfield Fire & Safety Co., Inc. | | 54 | | |
| Robbins Robin A. | | 2,660 | | |
| Robbins Sr. Levi | | 300 | | |
| Robert Ely | | 12 | | |
| Shane Wolf | | 2,600 | | |
| Sharkey Corinne | | 7,627 | | |
| Solomon Murray | | 595 | | |
| Split Payroll | | 204 | | |
| Stericycle, Inc. | | 426 | | |
| Tighe & Bond | | 8,278 | | |
| U. S. Postal Service | | 72 | | |
| Working Persons Store | | 151 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 3,772 | |

001.510.5850 - Purchase New Compactor

| | | | | |
|--|---------------|--|----------|---------------|
| Appropriation | 26,000 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | 26,000 |

001.541.5400 - Council on Aging

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----|--|--|
| Appropriation | 4,400 | | | |
| Anne Parsons | | 158 | | |
| DD Graphics Web Media | | 100 | | |
| Knox Kathleen A. | | 825 | | |
| MCOA | | 220 | | |
| Northern Hilltown Consortium of COA's | | 141 | | |

| 001.541.5400 - Council on Aging <i>(continued)</i> | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Paradise Copies | | 76 | | |
| Parsons Anne M. | | 2,251 | | |
| Payroll 4/6 | | 347 | | |
| Split Payroll | | (255) | | |
| U. S. Postal Service | | 74 | | |
| Urekew Carolyn J. | | 164 | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 135 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 165 | |

| 001.543.5400 - Veterans | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Appropriation | 17,052 | | | |
| Eva Howes | | 2,330 | | |
| Holyoke Health Center | | 2,820 | | |
| Nicholas P Cockoros | | 8,404 | | |
| Northampton Veterans' Service | | 3,552 | | |
| Year End | 54 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |

| 001.610.5400 - Library | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Appropriation | 7,550 | | | |
| Archaeology | | 40 | | |
| Barnes & Noble, Inc. | | 301 | | |
| Charles Tokarz | | 50 | | |
| Cummington Supply Inc. | | 27 | | |
| CW Mars | | 215 | | |
| Dave Christopolis | | 50 | | |
| David Bartley | | 50 | | |
| David Perkins | | 10 | | |
| Demaranville Maureen E. | | 264 | | |
| Demco | | 714 | | |
| Donald Scheidel | | 389 | | |
| Electralarm | | 250 | | |
| Eversource | | 657 | | |
| Home Depot Credit Services | | 33 | | |
| Joseph P. Gomes | | 375 | | |
| Kyle Murray | | 50 | | |
| Mark Demaranville | | 400 | | |
| Mass MoCA Foundation, Inc. | | 150 | | |
| Molly Smith | | 125 | | |
| National Geographic Little Kids | | 12 | | |
| Quilting Arts | | 60 | | |
| Richard Downs | | 50 | | |
| Rolling Stone | | 40 | | |
| Smith College Museum of Art | | 75 | | |
| Smithsonian Magazine | | 16 | | |
| Tessier Gregory | | 275 | | |
| The Creamery | | 26 | | |
| The New Republic | | 30 | | |
| Time | | 30 | | |

| 001.610.5400 - Library <i>(continued)</i> | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Tristan Arsenault | | 165 | | |
| Turn It Up! | | 209 | | |
| Vanity Fair | | 45 | | |
| W. B. Mason | | 200 | | |
| Whiting Energy Fuels | | 2,014 | | |
| Wolf Marie J. | | 154 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
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| 001.610.5800 - Library Capital | | | | |
| Appropriation | 0 | | | |
| Carry Forwards | 2,475 | | | |
| Cummington Supply Inc. | | 297 | | |
| Joseph P. Gomes | | 750 | | |
| Plant Euphoria | | 1,138 | | |
| William A. Dynok | | 290 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 001.630.5400 - Recreation | | | | |
| Appropriation | 3,500 | | | |
| Alternative Recycling Systems | | 204 | | |
| Amy Grallert | | 39 | | |
| Boy Scout Troop 205 | | 116 | | |
| Calvert Grace A. | | 383 | | |
| CCR Sports Inc. | | 69 | | |
| Cummington Supply Inc. | | 655 | | |
| Daily Hampshire Gazette | | 56 | | |
| DOCS Signs & Trucks Outfitters | | 70 | | |
| Donna L. Forgea | | 207 | | |
| Eliza J. Dragon | | 30 | | |
| Eversource | | 596 | | |
| Forgea Dennis | | 100 | | |
| George Propane, Inc. | | 87 | | |
| Hilltown Junior Olympics | | 147 | | |
| Howes Sage J. | | 113 | | |
| JSSJR Enterprises, Inc. | | 400 | | |
| Lashway Bark Mulch | | 126 | | |
| Reclass | | (244) | | |
| Town of Cummington | | 248 | | |
| U. S. Postal Service | | 100 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 001.630.5800 - Recreation Capital | | | | |
| Appropriation | 0 | | | |
| Carry Forwards | 8,200 | | | |
| CCR Sports Inc. | | 8,200 | | |
| Delta Sand and Gravel Inc. | | 1,084 | | |
| James E. Kelly | | 3,650 | | |
| Lashway Bark Mulch | | 1,631 | | |
| STM 06/28/18 | 6,365 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |

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|---|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 001.710.5915 - Safety Complex Loan | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
| Appropriation | 33,538 | | | |
| USDA | | 33,538 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 001.710.5980 - BAN Paydown | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
| Appropriation | 35,000 | | | |
| Easthampton Savings Bank | | 35,000 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 001.751.5915 - Safety Complex Loan | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
| Appropriation | 44,036 | | | |
| USDA | | 44,036 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | -0 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 001.751.5920 - Interest on Loans | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
| Appropriation | 5,000 | | | |
| Easthampton Savings Bank | | 1,232 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 3,768 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 001.830.5400 - Council of Govt's | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
| Appropriation | 496 | | | |
| Hampshire Council of Governments | | 496 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 001.830.5401 - LPVP Commission | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
| Appropriation | 130 | | | |
| Pioneer Valley Planning Commission | | 137 | | |
| Year End | 7 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| 001.911.5400 - Contributory Retirement | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
| Appropriation | 43,614 | | | |
| Hampshire County Retirement System | | 43,614 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 0 | |

| 001.913.5400 - Unemployment | Appropriation | Expended | Closed to Surplus | Carried Forward |
|--|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Appropriation | 1,200 | | | |
| Division of Unemployment Asst. | | 1,165 | | |
| Unemployment Reclass | | 534 | | |
| Year End | 534 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 35 | |
| | | | | |
| 001.914.5400 - Medical Insurance | | | | |
| Appropriation | 10,600 | | | |
| Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust | | 33,086 | | |
| STM 2/1/18 | 17,500 | | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | (4,986) | |
| | | | | |
| 001.916.5400 - Medicare/Social Security | | | | |
| Appropriation | 15,000 | | | |
| Easthampton Savings Bank | | 9,857 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 5,143 | |
| | | | | |
| 001.945.5740 - Insurance and Bonds | | | | |
| Appropriation | 46,000 | | | |
| Cabot Risk Strategies LLC | | 1,820 | | |
| Deep Associates | | 9,068 | | |
| MIIA Property & Casualty Group | | 30,959 | | |
| Travelers CI Remittance Center | | 608 | | |
| TO CLOSE OUT TO GENERAL REVENUE | | | 3,545 | |
| | | | | |
| GRAND TOTAL | 2,467,286 | 2,387,834 | | |

Other Expenditures 2018

| | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 183402.00 | Community House Expenses | |
| | Alternative Recycling Systems | 150.38 |
| | Eversource | 428.35 |
| | Hackworth Systems | 225.00 |
| | Horton Jeannette A. | 240.00 |
| | Monica Vandoloski | 69.00 |
| | Reclass | 692.00 |
| | Town of Cummington | 282.86 |
| | Vacuum Peddler | 190.00 |
| | W.B. Mason | 154.39 |
| | Total Community House | 2,431.98 |
| 183405.00 | Cemetery Expenses | |
| | Jordan Jacob R. | 8,067.50 |
| | Total Cemetery | 8,067.50 |
| 1834054.00 | Historical Commission | |
| | Allison Blake Schofield | 100.00 |
| | Audio Visual Archives | 120.00 |
| | Barker Karen L. | 360.00 |
| | Belardo Christa M. | 225.00 |
| | Cummington Supply Inc. | 735.07 |
| | Eiseman Sonja R. | 270.00 |
| | Electralarm | 610.00 |
| | Eversource | 2,321.49 |
| | Hannah Streeter | 1,000.00 |
| | Karen J. Westergaard | 16.04 |
| | Kimberely Wachtel | 325.00 |
| | Levy James P. | 180.00 |
| | Patricia Keith | 300.00 |
| | Patricia Keith - Reimb. | 281.66 |
| | Quigley Builders, Inc. | 7,780.95 |
| | Scott Keith | 1,240.00 |
| | Shane Wolf | 2,620.00 |
| | Streeter Hannah L. | 225.00 |
| | The Creamery | 450.00 |
| | Town of Cummington | 995.00 |
| | U. S. Postal Service | 116.00 |
| | University Products, Inc. | 406.73 |
| | Total Historic Commission | 20,677.94 |

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| 183409.00 | Police Gifts | |
| | Channing Bete Company, Inc. | 283.95 |
| | County Ambulance | 200.00 |
| | Newegg Business, Inc. | 51.66 |
| | Total Police Gifts | 535.61 |
| 183472.00 | COA Memorial Gifts | |
| | Anne Parsons | 156.68 |
| | Carol R. Stevenson | 95.00 |
| | Carolann Skaling | 80.00 |
| | Karen Barker | 280.00 |
| | Knox Kathleen | 15.54 |
| | Margaret Daniels | 109.90 |
| | Williamsburg Market | 111.36 |
| | Total COA Memorial Gifts | 848.48 |
| 230.499.5860.0000 | Chapter 90 | |
| | All States Asphalt, Inc. | 125,396.00 |
| | Palmer Paving Corporation | 147,124.63 |
| | Total Chapter 90 | 272,520.63 |
| 243012.01 | Emergency Management Grant | |
| | Newegg Business, Inc. | 565.87 |
| | Rainwise Inc. | 1,642.20 |
| | Total Emergency Management Grant | 2,208.07 |
| 2534302.01 | Board of Health Grant | |
| | Foster Farrar | 108.65 |
| | New England Fence | 1,075.00 |
| | Total Board of Health Grant | 1,183.65 |
| 253513.00 | COA HV | |
| | Anne Parsons | 7.20 |
| | Total COA HV | 7.20 |
| 2535514.00 | Council on Aging - State | |
| | Hilltown CDC | 350.00 |
| | Knox Kathleen A. | 1,072.50 |
| | Parsons Anne M. | 1,775.00 |
| | U. S. Postal Service | 100.00 |
| | Urekew Carolyn J. | 38.50 |
| | W. B. Mason | 1,069.76 |
| | Total Council on Aging - State | 4,405.76 |

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| 2535522.00 | State Aid to Libraries | |
| | Barnes & Noble, Inc. | 483.70 |
| | Eversource | 40.70 |
| | Mark DeMaranville | 129.70 |
| | National Geographic Traveller | 39.00 |
| | Quaboag Book Shop LLC | 266.40 |
| | The Week | 96.90 |
| | Turn It Up! | 178.00 |
| | William A. Dynok | 40.00 |
| | Total State Aid to Libraries | 1,274.40 |

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| 2535524.00 | Arts Council | |
| | Bill Latimer | 100.00 |
| | Chesterfield 4th of July Assoc. | 200.00 |
| | Davis Bates | 300.00 |
| | Jeanne Johns | 175.00 |
| | Jenny Wildermuth | 250.00 |
| | Kathryn Harrison | 366.00 |
| | Kimberely Wachtel | 150.00 |
| | Maureen Shea | 300.00 |
| | New Hingham PTO | 150.00 |
| | Plainfield Congregational Church | 400.00 |
| | Roger Tinknell | 400.00 |
| | Tamarack Hollow c/o Aimee Gelinas | 300.00 |
| | Trustees of Reservations | 100.00 |
| | Village Church | 250.00 |
| | Total Arts Council | 3,441.00 |

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|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 256500.00 | Municipal Light Grant | |
| | Allan Douglas | 57.25 |
| | Cabot Risk Strategies LLC | 6,000.00 |
| | Eversource - Poles | 2,970.00 |
| | Siddall & Siddall, P.C. | 450.00 |
| | Verizon New England Inc. | 2,731.05 |
| | Verizon New England Inc. | 425.00 |
| | W. B. Mason | 37.48 |
| | Westfield Gas & Electric Light Dept. | 92,943.88 |
| | Total Municipal Light Grant | 105,614.66 |

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2635197.00 | Solar Array Fees | |
| | Siddall & Siddall, P.C. | 2,312.50 |
| | Total Solar Array Fees | 2,312.50 |

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| 2635562.00 | 53E 1/2 Inspec Rev 6000 | |
| | Bernard Forgea | 500.00 |
| | Don Lawton | 1,268.00 |
| | Jack Lyons | 250.00 |
| | William Graham | 4,650.00 |
| | Total Inspectors | 6,668.00 |
| 300.302.5840.0000 | Berkshire Trail School Roof Capital | |
| | Jeffrey Scott Penn | 2,273.00 |
| | Silktown Roofing Inc. | 336,941.00 |
| | Stevensville Corporation | 2,080.00 |
| | The Engineer Group LLC | 1,800.00 |
| | Total BTS Roof Capital | 343,094.00 |
| 300.422.5840.0000 | Highway Capital | |
| | Cummington Fire Association | 15,000.00 |
| | Delurey Sales & Service | 167,772.70 |
| | Total Highway Capital | 182,772.70 |
| 893.210.5130.0000 | Police Outside Detail | |
| | Cunningham Sharon | 7,111.00 |
| | Forgea Dennis | 24,337.50 |
| | Perkins Michael A. | 11,864.75 |
| | Town of Ashfield | 504.00 |
| | Town of Chesterfield | 2,688.00 |
| | Town of Goshen | 2,310.00 |
| | Town of Peru | 840.00 |
| | Town of Plainfield | 1,050.00 |
| | Town of Windsor | 1,344.00 |
| | Total Police Outside Detail | 52,049.25 |
| 893062.00 | FID State Portion | |
| | Commonwealth of Mass | 2,500.00 |
| | Total FID State | 2,500.00 |
| 893601.00 | Fire Outside Detail | |
| | Dragon Adam E. | 126.00 |
| | Dragon Michal A. | 210.00 |
| | Emerson Steven E. | 84.00 |
| | Forgea Dennis | 84.00 |
| | Grallert Matthew | 210.00 |
| | Ruland Alexander L. | 84.00 |
| | Total Fire Outside Detail | 798.00 |

Town of Cummington - Combined Balance Sheet - July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

| Assets | General Fund | Special Revenue Funds | Govern Grant Funds | Capital Projects | Revolving | Water | Septic | Trusts | Agency | Long Term Debt | Totals |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash | \$ 349,728.94 | \$ 204,701.87 | \$ 440,771.16 | \$ 154,646.19 | \$ 16,548.28 | \$ 112,763.50 | \$ 103,437.97 | \$ 1,668,510.26 | \$ 10,111.85 | \$ - | \$ 3,061,220.02 |
| Other Receivables | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13,659.95 | - | - | - | 13,659.95 |
| Property Taxes | 58,546.87 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 58,546.87 |
| Overlay | (45,697.18) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (45,697.18) |
| Tax Liens | 42,201.20 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 42,201.20 |
| MVE | 10,593.08 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10,593.08 |
| User charges | - | - | - | - | - | 8,654.62 | - | - | - | - | 8,654.62 |
| Bonds | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,119,379.30 | 1,119,379.30 |
| Total Assets | 415,372.91 | 204,701.87 | 440,771.16 | 154,646.19 | 16,548.28 | 121,418.12 | 117,097.92 | 1,668,510.26 | 10,111.85 | 1,119,379.30 | 4,268,557.86 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other Liabilities | 4,401.49 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,348.25 | - | 7,749.74 |
| Warrants Payable | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Def Rev Prop Tax | 12,849.69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12,849.69 |
| Def Rev Tax Liens | 42,201.20 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 42,201.20 |
| Def Rev MVE | 10,593.08 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10,593.08 |
| Def Rev Other | - | - | - | - | - | 8,654.62 | 13,659.95 | - | - | - | 22,314.57 |
| Bans Payable | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,119,379.30 | 1,119,379.30 |
| Total Liabilities | 70,045.46 | - | - | - | - | 8,654.62 | 13,659.95 | - | 3,348.25 | 1,119,379.30 | 1,215,087.58 |
| Fund Balances | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reserved for Encumbrances | 28,222.89 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 28,222.89 |
| Reserved for Expenditures | 93,300.57 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 93,300.57 |
| Reserved for Deficits | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Financing Sources | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Designated | 100.00 | 204,701.87 | 440,771.16 | 2,437.55 | 16,548.28 | 86,602.97 | 99,871.17 | 1,668,510.26 | 7,415.60 | - | 2,526,958.86 |
| Undesignated | 223,703.99 | - | - | 152,208.64 | - | 26,160.53 | 3,566.80 | - | (652.00) | - | 404,987.96 |
| Total Fund Balances | 345,327.45 | 204,701.87 | 440,771.16 | 154,646.19 | 16,548.28 | 112,763.50 | 103,437.97 | 1,668,510.26 | 6,763.60 | - | 3,053,470.28 |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Balances | \$415,372.91 | \$204,701.87 | \$440,771.16 | \$154,646.19 | \$16,548.28 | \$121,418.12 | \$117,097.92 | \$1,668,510.26 | \$10,111.85 | \$1,119,379.30 | \$4,268,557.86 |

Balance Sheet Assets

TOWN OF CUMMINGTON

Balance Sheet General Fund Assets as of June 30, 2018

| | Assets | |
|--|------------|-------------------|
| CASH | | |
| General Fund Cash | \$ 349,729 | |
| Petty Cash | 100 | |
| TOTAL FOR CASH | | \$ 349,829 |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES | | |
| Levy of 2018 | 775 | |
| Levy of 2017 | 401 | |
| Levy of 2016 | 525 | |
| Levy of 2015 | 503 | |
| Levy of 2014 | 508 | |
| Prior Years | 1,019 | |
| TOTAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES | | 3,731 |
| REAL ESTATE TAXES | | |
| Levy of 2018 | 49,427 | |
| Levy of 2017 | 5,389 | |
| Prior Years | 0 | |
| TOTAL OF REAL ESTATE TAXES | | 54,816 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES | | |
| Levy of 2018 | 5,574 | |
| Levy of 2017 | 2,682 | |
| Levy of 2016 | 569 | |
| Levy of 2015 | 63 | |
| Levy of 2014 | 554 | |
| Prior Years | 1,151 | |
| TOTAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES | | 10,593 |
| TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS | | |
| Tax Title | 37,924 | |
| Tax Possessions | 4,277 | |
| TOTAL TAX TITLE & POSSESSIONS | | 42,201 |
| Total Assets | | \$ 461,170 |

Town of Cummington Trust Funds Accounts

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

| | Beginning Balance | Revenue | Expend- iture | Ending Balance |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Trust Funds: | | | | |
| Stabilization Fund | 828,467 | 3,289 | (36,000) | 795,756 |
| Compensated Absences | 4,000 | 2,000 | 0 | 6,000 |
| Cemetery Fund | 41,291 | 3,109 | (10,236) | 34,165 |
| Community House Fund | 2,560 | 8 | 0 | 2,568 |
| Community House Stock Fund | 92,000 | 0 | 0 | 92,000 |
| Historical Trust Fund | 661,169 | (27,471) | (21,879) | 611,819 |
| Library Trust Fund | 3,574 | 11 | 0 | 3,585 |
| Library Building Fund | 4,420 | 13 | 0 | 4,434 |
| Whiting Street Trust Fund | 19,553 | 57 | 0 | 19,609 |
| N.F. Orcutt Charity Fund | 19,995 | 58 | 0 | 20,053 |
| School Trust Fund | 24,247 | 70 | 0 | 24,318 |
| Town Clock Trust Fund | 375 | 1 | 0 | 376 |
| Madelyn Orcutt Fund | 53,349 | 478 | 0 | 53,827 |
| Total Trust Funds Balance | 1,755,002 | (18,377) | (68,115) | 1,668,510 |

Reserve Fund

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation | | 6,000.00 |
| Transfer to Highway Garage | 1,737 | |
| Year End | 2,200 | |
| | 3,937.00 | 2,063.00 |

Statement of Revenues

Estimated to Actual
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

| | Estimated | Actual | Over/Under |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| TAXES: | | | |
| Personal Property | \$ 62,353 | \$ 62,044 | \$ (309) |
| Real Estate | 1,739,398 | 1,763,495 | 24,097 |
| Motor Vehicle | 87,000 | 131,743 | 44,743 |
| In Lieu of Taxes | 1,000 | 2,500 | 1,500 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 23,000 | 29,895 | 6,895 |
| STATE AID: | | | |
| Chapter 70 School Aid | 73,684 | 67,544 | (6,140) |
| Unrestricted Govt Aid | 83,338 | 83,338 | 0 |
| Abatement Reimbursements | 0 | 6,279 | 6,279 |
| State Owned Land | 42,138 | 42,138 | 0 |
| Veteran's Benefits | 10,201 | 7,752 | (2,449) |
| Library | 2,020 | 2,020 | 0 |
| OTHER: | | | |
| Interest of Taxes | 10,000 | 20,860 | 10,860 |
| Licenses and Permits | 10,000 | 19,184 | 9,184 |
| Fines | 1,000 | 1,915 | 915 |
| Interest on Savings | 500 | 1,839 | 1,339 |
| Fees | 8,000 | 13,892 | 5,892 |
| Misc Non-Recurring | 0 | 4,937 | 4,937 |
| Rentals | 8,000 | 12,567 | 4,567 |
| TOTALS | \$ 2,161,632 | \$ 2,273,942 | \$ 112,310 |

Town Treasurer's Report Bank Accounts - FY 2018

| Bank | Balance 7/1/17 | Balance 6/30/18 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| CENTURY BANK | | |
| Cemetery Trust Funds | \$ 41,291.43 | \$ 36,453.23 |
| Charitable Trust Funds | 63,795.36 | 63,980.52 |
| Town Clock Fund | 374.77 | 375.85 |
| UNIBANK | | |
| Stabilization | 197,266.61 | 197,855.39 |
| Community House Trust | 2,560.25 | 2,567.88 |
| Library Trust | 3,574.33 | 3,585.03 |
| Library Building Fund | 4,420.32 | 4,433.52 |
| Madelyn Orcutt Fund | 4,297.37 | 4,310.20 |
| Arts Council Grant | 4,299.85 | 4,641.37 |
| Rehab Program Income Acct. | 84,873.59 | 0.00 |
| Rehab Town Program Income Acct | 0.00 | 85,126.93 |
| Helen Muchnic Trust | 122,796.81 | 122,505.50 |
| Online Collections - General Fund | 60,886.08 | 68,499.15 |
| EASTHAMPTON SAVINGS BANK | | |
| Stabilization | 531,200.63 | 597,901.04 |
| General Fund - Vendor Checking | 703,933.72 | 930,905.51 |
| Municipal Light Plant | 0.00 | 290,143.64 |
| PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK | | |
| Septic System Repair Program | 101,725.93 | 103,437.97 |
| General Fund | 33,916.32 | 35,335.58 |
| BERKSHIRE BANK | | |
| Money Mkt/Pub Safety Complex | 100.65 | 100.65 |
| FIDELITY INVESTMENT FUNDS | | |
| Community House Trust | 92,000.00 | 92,000.00 |
| M. Orcutt Fund | 49,051.90 | 49,517.07 |
| HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUNDS | | |
| Investors Capital | 661,168.97 | 611,818.75 |
| DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CHECKS OUTSTANDING | (46,519.95) | (154,190.54) |
| PETTY CASH | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | \$ 2,717,114.94 | \$ 3,151,404.24 |

Reconciling Items: Cemetery warrants due to Town for payroll
Arts Lottery warrants payable 6/30/2018

Commissioners of Trust Funds

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

| | Principal 7/1/17 | Balance (With) | Interest 6/30/18 | Add | Balance | Available |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| BRYANT CEMETERY | | | | | | |
| Mary Tower | 297.00 | 1,165.70 | 3.39 | 0.00 | 1,169.09 | 872.09 |
| Bartlett | 107.50 | 413.20 | 1.20 | 0.00 | 414.40 | 306.90 |
| Brewster | 100.00 | 358.96 | 1.05 | 0.00 | 360.01 | 260.01 |
| Donated | 775.00 | 1,786.32 | 5.19 | 0.00 | 1,791.51 | 1,016.51 |
| Total | 1,279.50 | 3,724.18 | 10.83 | 0.00 | 3,735.01 | 2,455.51 |
| DAWES CEMETERY | | | | | | |
| Whitmarsh | 100.00 | 462.65 | 1.34 | 0.00 | 463.99 | 363.99 |
| Pratt | 50.00 | 298.36 | 0.87 | 0.00 | 299.23 | 249.23 |
| Thayer-Gurney | 200.00 | 1,055.20 | 3.06 | 0.00 | 1,058.26 | 858.26 |
| C.J. Thayer | 1,000.00 | 2,486.08 | 7.21 | 0.00 | 2,493.29 | 1,493.29 |
| Donated | 5,650.00 | 16,245.28 | 47.15 | 0.00 | 16,292.43 | 10,642.43 |
| Total | 7,000.00 | 20,547.57 | 59.63 | 0.00 | 20,607.20 | 13,607.20 |
| GURNEY CEMETERY | | | | | | |
| Donated | 400.00 | 2,049.47 | 5.95 | 0.00 | 2,055.42 | 1,655.42 |
| HARLOW CEMETERY | | | | | | |
| Packard | 107.50 | 366.93 | 1.07 | 0.00 | 368.00 | 260.50 |
| Donated | 750.00 | 1,344.81 | 3.90 | 0.00 | 1,348.71 | 598.71 |
| Total | 857.50 | 1,711.74 | 4.97 | 0.00 | 1,716.71 | 859.21 |
| STREETER CEMETERY | | | | | | |
| Donated | 244.20 | 506.25 | 1.47 | 0.00 | 507.72 | 263.52 |
| VILLAGE CEMETERY | | | | | | |
| Adams | 100.00 | 341.48 | 0.99 | 0.00 | 342.47 | 242.47 |
| Bates | 100.00 | 340.90 | 0.99 | 0.00 | 341.89 | 241.89 |
| Donated | 674.39 | 1,965.43 | 5.70 | 0.00 | 1,971.13 | 1,296.74 |
| Total | 874.39 | 2,647.81 | 7.68 | 0.00 | 2,655.49 | 1,781.10 |
| GENERAL CEMETERY | | | | | | |
| Donated | 5,680.00 | 10,104.41 | 18.77 | -4,947.50 | 5,175.68 | -504.32 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |
| CEMETERY | \$16,335.59 | \$41,291.43 | \$109.30 | (\$4,947.50) | \$36,453.23 | \$20,117.64 |

General Donated - Deposits \$3,000.00

General Donated - Withdrawals \$7,947.50

Withdrawals are for care of cemeteries offset by donations

Commissioners of Trust Funds (continued)
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

| | Principal 7/1/17 | Balance (With) | Interest 6/30/18 | Add | Balance | Available |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| CHARITABLE FUNDS | | | | | | |
| N.F. Orcutt | 2,254.63 | 19,995.39 | 58.04 | 0.00 | 20,053.43 | 17,798.80 |
| Whiting Street | 2,071.27 | 19,552.57 | 56.75 | 0.00 | 19,609.32 | 17,538.05 |
| TOTAL | 4,325.90 | 39,547.96 | 114.79 | 0.00 | 39,662.75 | 35,336.85 |
| EDUCATION FUND | | | | | | |
| O.H. Warner | 1,221.89 | 24,247.40 | 70.37 | 0.00 | 24,317.77 | 23,095.88 |
| TOWN CLOCK FUND | | | | | | |
| E.S. Pettingill | 200.00 | 374.77 | 1.08 | 0.00 | 375.85 | 175.85 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |
| TRUST FUNDS | \$22,083.38 | \$105,461.56 | \$295.54 | (\$4,947.50) | \$100,809.60 | \$78,726.22 |

Maturing Debt & Interest - FY 2018

| Type Of Bank Note | Date and Issue | Beginning Bal. 07/01/17 | Principal Paid | Interest Paid | Principal Remaining |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| VILLAGE WATER | | | | | |
| FmHA @ 6.50% | 11/23/87 | \$ 109,709.49 | \$ 6,622.78 | \$ 7,658.62 | \$ 103,086.71 |
| VILLAGE WATER | | | | | |
| FmHA @ 6.125% | 6/28/85 | 62,905.01 | 3,720.62 | 3,842.38 | 59,184.39 |
| USDA PUBLIC SAFETY | | | | | |
| COMPLEX | 7/15/09 | 978,583.03 | 33,537.76 | 44,036.24 | 945,045.27 |
| COMPACTOR SITE | | | | | |
| REFURBISHING | 6/5/13 | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 453.74 | 0.00 |
| BUILDING REMODELING | | | | | |
| (SCHOOL ROOF) | 7/16/17 | 365,000.00 | 65,000.00 | 4,513.43 | 300,000.00 |
| HIGHWAY | | | | | |
| TRUCK LOAN | 3/5/18 | 120,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 120,000.00 |
| STATE AID | | | | | |
| (HIGHWAY) | 10/16/17 | 265,000.00 | 265,000.00 | 778.66 | 0.00 |
| TOTALS | | \$1,936,197.53 | \$408,881.16 | \$61,283.07 | \$1,527,316.37 |

Tax Collector - June 30, 2018

| Year of Tax | Type | Committed & Balanced | Tax Paid | Abate/ Exempt | Refunds | Tax Title | Balance Due |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2008 | Motor Vehicle | 6,357.50 | 0.00 | 6,357.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2009 | Motor Vehicle | 6,375.00 | 0.00 | 6,375.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2010 | Motor Vehicle | 77.50 | 0.00 | 77.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2011 | Motor Vehicle | 263.86 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 263.86 |
| 2011 | Personal Prop | 483.06 | 373.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 109.56 |
| 2012 | Motor Vehicle | 631.98 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 631.98 |
| 2012 | Personal Prop | 430.29 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 430.29 |
| 2013 | Motor Vehicle | 334.38 | 78.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 255.63 |
| 2013 | Personal Prop | 478.79 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 478.79 |
| 2014 | Motor Vehicle | 605.22 | 51.67 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 553.55 |
| 2014 | Personal Prop | 507.89 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 507.89 |
| 2015 | Motor Vehicle | 386.98 | 323.85 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 63.13 |
| 2015 | Personal Prop | 503.24 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 503.24 |
| 2016 | Motor Vehicle | 1,511.98 | 942.91 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 569.07 |
| 2016 | Personal Prop | 524.96 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 524.96 |
| 2016 | Real Estate | 9,538.07 | 8,933.82 | 0.00 | 106.52 | 710.77 | 0.00 |
| 2017 | Motor Vehicle | 31,786.99 | 28,974.36 | 1,218.54 | 1,087.70 | 0.00 | 2,681.79 |
| 2017 | Personal Prop | 1,072.45 | 671.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 401.15 |
| 2017 | Real Estate | 86,028.98 | 80,836.31 | 0.00 | 1,442.37 | 1,245.62 | 5,389.42 |
| 2018 | Motor Vehicle | 108,985.03 | 103,298.09 | 913.01 | 800.14 | 0.00 | 5,574.07 |
| 2018 | Personal Prop | 62,353.37 | 61,372.39 | 206.34 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 774.64 |
| 2018 | Real Estate | 1,739,399.48 | 1,675,773.57 | 11,573.03 | 1,932.62 | 4,558.58 | 49,426.92 |
| | Water | 90,671.12 | 82,016.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8,654.62 |
| TOTALS | | 2,149,308.12 | 2,043,647.02 | 26,720.92 | 5,369.35 | 6,514.97 | 77,794.56 |

Report of Vital Statistics for the Town of Cummington

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

BIRTHS

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| January 24, 2018 | Susanna Emily Gould, daughter of Seth Andrew Gould and Elizabeth Jayne (Kellogg) Gould, at Greenfield, MA |
| February 21, 2018 | Elias Thayer Savoie, son of Austin Thayer Savoie and Amanda Jaye (Chaloux) Savoie, at Springfield, MA |
| June 6, 2018 | Collins Marie Noel, daughter of Douglas Alfred Noel and Katherine (Dunleavy) Noel, at Northampton, MA |

MARRIAGES

NONE

DEATHS

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| September 15, 2017 | Bruce Mougín, age 68, of 50 Main Street, at Holyoke, MA |
| October 8, 2017 | John Carpini, age 70, of 12 Andrew Shaw Road, at Springfield, MA |
| October 14, 2017 | Richard P. Wilbur, age 96, of 87 Dodwells Road, at Belmont, MA |
| October 14, 2017 | Elizabeth Brunton, age 74, of 60 Main Street, at Cummington, MA |
| November 23, 2017 | Don Wells, age 59, of 51 Main Street, at Northampton, MA |
| December 3, 2017 | David Cole, age 94, of 99 Stage Road, at Northampton, MA |
| December 17, 2017 | Jamie D. Roco, age 52, of 6 Walker Road, at Cummington, MA |
| December 19, 2017 | Sonja Smith, age 94, of 63 Luther Shaw Road, at Northampton, MA |
| January 6, 2018 | Deborah L. Emerson, age 58, of 6 Mougín Road, at Cummington, MA |
| January 9, 2018 | Stephen M. Howes, age 78, of 65 Berkshire Trail, at Cummington, MA |
| January 24, 2018 | Mae Theresa Wolf, age 102, of 417 Stage Road, at Cummington, MA |
| January 24, 2018 | Thomas D. Marcoux, age 62, of 469 Stage Road, at Northampton, MA |
| February 8, 2018 | Lubov Stempniewicz, age 96, of 205 West Cummington Road, at Cummington, MA |
| May 9, 2018 | Alan Roy Streeter, age 49, of 103 Stage Road, at Springfield, MA |
| May 29, 2018 | Christine Ruth Alvord, age 52, of 277 Hillside Road, Westfield, MA at West Cummington, MA |
| June 5, 2018 | Michael J. Whiteman, age 80, of 236 West Cummington Road, Agawam, MA |

Minutes of Special Town Meeting

October 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by the temporary Moderator Monica Vandoloski, in the absence of Moderator Donna L. Forgea. She opened the Meeting at the Community House on Main St. with the required town quorum (15) present. Such is the action taken under the Warrant

Article 1: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer \$36,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to the Public Safety Complex Furnace Capital Account for replacement of the heating system.

**Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously
to dissolve this Meeting at 6:42 p.m.**

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest



Donna C Jordan

Cummington Town Clerk

October 5, 2017

Minutes of Special Town Meeting

October 30, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at the Community House on Main St. with 16 registered Cummington citizens present, which is above the required town quorum. Such is the action taken under the Warrant:

Article 1: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to amend article 1 to revise **Cummington Zoning By-Law, Section 2. DEFINITIONS** to read as follows:

As-of-Right/By-Right Siting: The siting of a development may proceed without the need for a special permit or other discretionary approval. However, development may be subject to site plan review to determine conformance with local zoning ordinances, bylaws, federal and state building codes, and to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Siting of projects cannot be prohibited, but can be reasonably regulated by the local building commissioner, local inspectors, and a designated Site Plan Review Authority.

Building Inspector: The building inspector is also the zoning enforcement officer.

Building Permit: A construction permit issued by an authorized local building commissioner; the building permit affirms that the project is consistent with the state and federal building codes as well as local zoning bylaws.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production of a Photovoltaic system in Direct Current (DC).

Solar Photovoltaic Installation, Roof Mounted: A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the roof of a building.

Solar Photovoltaic Installation, Ground Mounted: A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof-mounted.

Solar Photovoltaic Installation, Large-Scale Ground-Mounted: A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof-mounted, and has a rated nameplate capacity greater than 250 KW DC.

Special Permit: A permit issued by a special permit granting authority pursuant to provisions of this bylaw and of Section 9 of the Zoning Act to permit uses, structures or structural alterations which are in harmony with the general purposes of this bylaw and which shall be subject to general of specific provisions as therein set forth and to conditions, safeguards and limitations which may be imposed by the special permit granting authority.

Special Permit Granting Authority: The Special Permit Granting Authority shall be specifically identified in the applicable sections of the Zoning Bylaws. Where the SPGA is not specifically identified, then the Planning Board shall be the SPGA.

Project Proponent: The applicant, property owner, facility developer, operator and management entity, jointly and severally, of a project. Each of the responsible parties shall be responsible for adhering to the requirements set forth in this By-Law.

Site Plan Review: A review by the Site Plan Review Authority to determine conformance with local zoning ordinances or bylaws. Site Plan Review shall follow the same process and requirements of a Special Permit as required under M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Sections 9 and 11. When a Special Permit is also required, the two shall be combined into a single application, process and Decision.

Site Plan Review Authority: The person or group designated as such by the applicable section of the bylaw to perform Site Plan Reviews.

Article 2: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to amend article 2 Cumington Zoning ByLaw, **Section 4** to read as follows:

ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS by:

1. Deleting Section 4-10 Districts in its entirety and in its place add the following:

4-10 Districts

For purposes of this Zoning By-Law, the Town of Cumington is divided into the following districts:

- Rural-Residential RR
- Village V
- Flood Plain (Overlay) FP
- Water Supply Protection (Overlay) WSP
- Solar Photovoltaic District (Overlay) SPD

And

2. Amend Section 4-30 Purpose, Intent and Additional Use and Special Permit Conditions of Districts by adding the following new #5:

5. Solar Photovoltaic District (Overlay) (SPD).

a. Purpose.

- 1) The purpose of the **Solar Photovoltaic District (Overlay)** is to identify designated location(s) where certain ground mounted large-scale solar photovoltaic installations are allowed by right in accordance with Section 10-30.

And

3. Amend Section 4-30(3.) Floodplain and Westfield River Protection District (FP), C. Use Regulations, 1) Permitted Uses by adding the following new #g):

- g. Solar photovoltaic installations in an approved Solar Photovoltaic District (Overlay) including their required structures and equipment are permitted in the FP District in accordance with Section 10-30.

And

4. Amend Section 4-30(4.) Water Supply Protection District (WSP), h.(1) Uses allowed by Special Permit, by adding a new d) to read as follows:

- d) This section shall not apply to solar photovoltaic installations in an approved Solar Photovoltaic District (Overlay) which are permitted by-right in accordance with Section 10-30.

Article 3: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to amend article 3 Cummington Zoning Bylaw, **Section 5-20 Use Regulation Schedule** to read as follows:

1. Amending the “Symbols employed in the Use Regulations Schedule shall mean the following” by adding the following:

| | |
|-----|--|
| SPP | A use permitted by Special Permit from the Planning Board, when acting as the Special Permit granting authority. |
|-----|--|

And

2. Amending the Use Regulations Schedule by adding the following to “MISCELLANEOUS”:

| USE REGULATION SCHEDULE | | |
|---|-------------------|----------|
| Activity or Use (All activities and uses are also subject to the Overlay District requirements of the Floodplain/ Westfield River and Water Supply Protection Districts in Section 4-30 where applicable) | District | |
| | RR | V |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | |
| Personal Wireless Service Facility, Tower or Repeater | See Section 10-10 | |
| Roof Mounted Photovoltaic System | Y | Y |
| Ground Mounted Photovoltaic System | See Section 10-30 | |

ARTICLE 4: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to amend article 4 **Cummington Zoning Bylaw, SECTION 10. OTHER SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS** by adding a new Section 10-30 to read as follows:

10-30 Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic installations

1. Purpose - The purpose of this Section is to provide standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic installations that address public safety and minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources.
2. Applicability
 - a. This Section applies to all ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations proposed to be constructed after the effective date of this Section. This Section also pertains to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment.
 - b. All Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (including Large Scale) shall require a Special Permit and Site Plan Review issued by the Planning Board in accordance with this section and Section 3-30, except that:
 - 1) Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations with a rated nameplate capacity less than 16 KW DC are permitted As-of-Right Siting subject to Site Plan Review as required in Section 10-30(3.) below.

- 2) Within the Solar Photovoltaic Overlay District only, Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (including Large Scale) are permitted As-of Right Siting (subject to Site Plan Review) when the lot coverage of all of the arrays, structures and buildings do not exceed an aggregate of 1.5 acres. The calculation of the lot coverage area shall exclude required setbacks and wetlands. The combined area of multiple installations (new or existing) on a single lot, or adjacent lots in common ownership shall be used to determine accordance with the 1.5 acre threshold.
3. General Requirements for all Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations
 - a. Site Plan Review - All ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations shall undergo site plan review by the Site Plan Review Authority prior to construction, installation or modification as provided in this Section. For the purpose of this Section of the Zoning Bylaw, the Planning Board shall be the Site Plan Review Authority.
 - 1) General - All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 - 2) Required Documents - Pursuant to the site plan review process, the Project Proponent shall provide the following documents:
 - a) A site plan showing:
 - I. Property lines and physical features, including roads, for the project site;
 - II. Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures;
 - III. Blueprints or drawings of the solar photovoltaic installation signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts showing the proposed layout of the system and any potential shading from nearby structures
 - IV. One- or three-line electrical diagram detailing the solar photovoltaic installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all Massachusetts Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices;

- V. Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the PV panels, mounting system, and inverter;
 - VI. Name, address, and contact information for proposed system installer;
 - VII. Name, address, phone number and signature of the Project Proponent;
 - VIII. The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the Project Proponent;
- b) Stormwater management plan
 - c) Erosion & sediment control plan
 - d) Documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site;
 - e) An operation and maintenance plan;
 - f) Proof of liability insurance and builder's risk insurance;
 - g) A public outreach plan, including a project development timeline, which indicates how the project proponent will meet the required site plan review notification procedures and otherwise inform abutters and the community.
 - h) Site Control - The Project Proponent shall submit documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site sufficient to allow for construction and operation of the proposed solar photovoltaic installation.
 - i) Operation & Maintenance Plan - The Project Proponent shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the ground mounted solar photovoltaic installation, which shall include measures for maintaining safe access to the installation, storm water controls, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance of the installation.
 - j) Abandonment & Decommissioning Plan – The Project Proponent shall submit a Decommissioning Plan. Any Photovoltaic Generating Installation which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned (i.e. when either it fails to be completed within a commercially reasonable time such that power generation can commence, or it fails to operate for an elapsed time of more than one year without the written consent of the Planning Board) shall be removed. The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning.

The owner or operator shall notify the Planning Board by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. The Abandonment & Decommissioning Plan shall include a detailed description of how all of the following will be addressed:

- I. Physical removal of all structures; equipment, building, security barriers and transmission lines from the site, including any materials used to limit vegetation.
- II. Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
- III. Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Planning Board may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.
- IV. Financial surety for decommissioning - Proponents of Solar Electric Generating Facilities shall provide a form of surety, either through escrow account, bond or other form of surety approved by the Planning Board to cover the estimated cost of removal in the event the Town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape, in an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the Planning Board, but in no event to exceed more than 125 percent of the cost of removal and compliance with the additional requirements set forth herein, as determined by the project proponent and the Town. Such surety will not be required for municipal or state-owned facilities. The project proponent shall submit a fully inclusive detailed itemized cost estimate of the town's estimated costs (including "prevailing wages") associated with removal and full decommissioning of the facility and site, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation at the end of the facility's useful life. Said estimated cost shall not include or deduct the value of material recycling. Said surety in its full amount shall be presented to the Planning Board prior to the Project Proponent applying for Building Permits or the commencement of construction
- V. All legal documents required to enable the Town to exercise its rights and responsibilities under the plan

to decommission the site, enter the property and physically remove the installation.

- b. Utility Notification - No ground mounted solar photovoltaic installation shall be constructed until evidence has been given to the Site Plan Review Authority that the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the installation is to be located has been informed of the solar photovoltaic installation. Project Proponent's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.
- c. Dimension and Density Requirements - Ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations shall comply with the same dimension and density requirements required in the underlying district in Section 6-20, except that for such facilities of 250 kw or greater the following shall apply:
 - 1) Front, rear and side yard setbacks shall be a minimum 50 feet
 - 2) Access roads or driveways shall be setback at least 25 feet from side and rear lot lines.
- d. Structures - All structures for large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations shall be subject to existing bylaws. All appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other.
- e. Visual Impact Mitigation - The plan for a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation shall be designed to maximize the preservation of on-site and abutting natural and developed features. In natural (undeveloped) areas, existing vegetation shall be retained to the greatest extent possible, especially where such vegetation provides a benefit to the natural environment. In developed areas, the design of the installation shall consider and incorporate human-designed landscape features to the greatest extent, including contextual landscaping and landscape amenities that complement the physical features of the site and abutting properties. Whenever reasonable, structures should be screened from view by vegetation and/or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts and be architecturally compatible with each other. Vegetation shall be of varieties native to New England and a mix of deciduous and evergreen species. Vegetative screening shall reach a mature form to effectively screen the installation within five years of installation. The mature height of the vegetated screening shall be such that the

installation's structures are not apparent to a person upon any public road and viewing the installation from a height of 10 feet. Planting of the vegetative screening shall be completed prior to final approval of the photovoltaic installation by the Building Inspector.

f. Design Standards

- 1) Projects shall be designed to:
 - a) minimize the volume of cut and fill, the number of removed trees 10" caliper or larger, the length of removed stone walls, the area of wetland vegetation displaced, the extent of storm water flow increase from the site, soil erosion, and threat of air and water pollution
 - b) maximize pedestrian and vehicular safety both on the site and entering and exiting the site;
 - c) minimize obstruction of scenic views from publicly accessible locations;
 - d) minimize visual intrusion by controlling the visibility of parking, storage, or other outdoor service areas viewed from public ways or premises residentially used or zoned;
 - e) minimize glare from headlights and light trespass;
 - f) Ensure adequate access to each structure for fire and service equipment and adequate provision for utilities and storm water drainage.
- 2) Site Lighting - Lighting of solar photovoltaic installations shall be consistent with local, state and federal law. Lighting of other parts of the installation, such as appurtenant structures, shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be reasonably shielded from abutting properties. Where feasible, lighting of the solar photovoltaic installations shall be directed downward and shall incorporate full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.
- 3) Signage—No signage on ground mounted solar photovoltaic installations is permitted other than those required to identify voltage and electrocution hazards as well as the owner, and provide a 24-hour emergency contact phone number. Solar photovoltaic installations shall not be used for displaying any advertising except for reasonable identification of the manufacturer or operator of the solar photovoltaic installation.

- 4) Utility Connections - Reasonable efforts, as determined by the Site Plan Review Authority, shall be made to place all utility connections from the solar photovoltaic installation underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.

g. Safety and Environmental Standards

- 1) Emergency Services - The ground mounted solar photovoltaic installation Project Proponent shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the local fire chief. Upon request the Project Proponent shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of shutting down the solar photovoltaic installation shall be clearly marked. The Project Proponent shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation.
- 2) Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts - Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the ground mounted solar photovoltaic installation or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws. Such installations shall not occur on any slopes greater than 15% in order to minimize erosion. No more than 50% of the land parcel utilized for ground mounted solar photovoltaic installations shall contain land requiring clearing of forest.
- 3) No topsoil shall be removed from the land parcel under consideration for ground mounted solar photovoltaic installations. If earthworks operations are required, topsoil shall be stockpiled within the property bounds and protected against erosion until such time earthwork operations are completed and topsoil can be re-spread over parcel. Earthworks shall be planned to limit export of soil material (non-topsoil) to 1000 cubic yards per acre affected by installation. A detailed earthworks estimate is a required submittal component proving this quantity is maintained.
- 4) Impact on Agricultural and Environmentally Sensitive Land - The Photovoltaic Generating Installation shall be designed to minimize impacts to agricultural and environmentally sensitive land and to be compatible with

continued agricultural use of the land whenever possible. No more than 50-percent of the total land area proposed for the solar electric field may be occupied by the solar panels, with the remainder of the land remaining as undeveloped open space left in its natural state.

- 5) Vegetation Management - Herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers shall not be used to manage vegetation at the Photovoltaic Generating Installation. Mowing, grazing or using geotextile materials underneath the solar array are possible alternatives. In the water supply Protection District, low growing grasses are optimal. Other grasses must be regularly mowed or grazed so as to minimize the amount and height of “fuel” available in case of fire.

All land associated with the ground-mounted solar installation shall be covered and grown in natural vegetation. All ground surface areas beneath solar arrays and setback areas shall be pervious to maximize on-site infiltration of storm water. Impervious paving of areas beneath solar arrays is prohibited. To the greatest extent possible, a diversity of plant species shall be used, with preference given to species that are native to New England. Use of plants identified by the most recent copy of the “Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List” maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources is prohibited. Herbicides shall be applied only by properly licensed personnel in conformance with all applicable state regulations.

h. Monitoring and Maintenance

- 1) Solar Photovoltaic Installation Conditions - Project Proponent shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, fencing and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the local Fire Chief and Emergency Medical Services. The Project Proponent shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar photovoltaic installation and any access road(s), unless accepted as a public way.
- 2) Modifications - All material modifications to a solar photovoltaic installation made after issuance of the required building permit shall require approval by the Site Plan Review Authority.

- i. Outside Consultant Fees – In addition to the normal filing fee, the Planning Board can charge the applicant with a fee to hire “outside consultants” to assist the Board in administering and reviewing applications.
- j. Waivers - The Planning Board may, upon the prior written request of the applicant, waive any of the requirements of this sub-section for Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations with a rated nameplate capacity less than 16 KW DC, but must state their reasons for doing so in writing as part of their decision.

Article 5: Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously, with a hand count of 14 to 0 to amend **the Cummington Zoning Map, by including the following Parcel within the Solar Voltaic District (Overlay):**

Identified by Cummington Assessor’s Property Record Card:

- Assessor’s Map Parcel ID: 023.D-0028-0000.0
- MAP: 023.D
- BLOCK: 0028
- LOT: 0000.0
- Parcel Address: 0 MAIN ST., OFF (located generally off of the northerly side of Main Street behind the former elementary school)

Article 6: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to enact Section VIII, Section I of the Town of Cummington General By-Laws, entitled “Stretch Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115AA of the of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of October 30, 2017 a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.

**Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously
to dissolve this Meeting at 7:46 p.m.**

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest



Donna C. Jordan

Cummington Town Clerk

November 13, 2017

Minutes of Special Town Meeting

February 1, 2018

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at the Community House on Main St. with 35 registered Cummington voters above the required town quorum. Such is the action taken under the Warrant:

Article 1: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$17,500** from Free Cash to the Medical Insurance Account.

**Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously
to dissolve this meeting at 7:02 p.m.**

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest



Donna C. Jordan

Cummington Town Clerk

February 19, 2018

Minutes of Special Town Meeting

May 4, 2018

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at the Community House on Main St. with 43 people in attendance, which is more than required town quorum.

Moderator Donna L. Forgea asked for Ann Parson of the COA to come forth and she presented the Gold Headed Cane to Cummington's oldest living resident, Jane B. Emerson, who was born on September 8, 1925. She lived in the house she now lives in for all but 7 years of her life. She has no special reason to attribute to her long life, but some would say just plain old Yankee stubbornness. Her advice for young people today is, "Try not to be judgmental; sometimes you don't know the whole story...."

Article 1: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$35,000.00** from **Free Cash** to the **Transfer Station Loan Account**.

Article 2: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$5,000.00** from the **Water Funds Available** to the **Water Operating Account**.

**Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously
to dissolve this meeting at 6:39 p.m.**

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest



Donna C. Jordan

Cummington Town Clerk

May 22, 2018

Town of Cummington Annual Town Meeting

Friday, May 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House on Main St. with over the required town quorum. Present total was 74 registered voters, 1 unregistered resident and 7 non-residents.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Moderator Donna L. Forgea read the Dedication of the 2017 Annual Town Report to Mike Robbins and the Memory of Arlin “Stub” Stevens. The writings can be found on the inside of the front cover.

Article 1: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to fix the salaries and compensation of all **Elected Officials** of the Town for Fiscal 2019, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws:

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|--|---------------------|
| Selectboard, Chair | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Selectman 2 | 1,300.00 |
| Selectman 3 | 1,300.00 |
| Assessor, Chair | 1,200.00 |
| Assessor 2 | 1,100.00 |
| Assessor 3 | 1,100.00 |
| Treasurer | 11,000.00 |
| Tax Collector | 11,000.00 |
| Town Clerk | 8,000.00 |
| Moderator | 100.00 |
| Tree Warden | 50.00 |
| Board of Health, Chair | 1,000.00 |
| Board of Health 2 | 500.00 |
| Board of Health 3 | 500.00 |
| Vocational School, Chair | 40.00 |
| Vocational School 2 | 15.00 |
| Vocational School 3 | 15.00 |
| Water Commission, Chair | 500.00 |
| Water Commission 2 | 300.00 |
| Water Commission 3 | 300.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 40,820.00 |
| Constables | \$ 17.00/hr. |
| Mileage reimbursement for Town Officials | 50 cents/mile |

Article 2: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the following **General Government Accounts:**

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|---|----------------------|
| Official Salaries | \$ 40,820.00 |
| Administration General | 5,000.00 |
| Administration Various Officials | 800.00 |
| Town Counsel | 10,000.00 |
| Administration Selectboard | 14,400.00 |
| Administration Finance Committee | 150.00 |
| Accountant Salary | 11,000.00 |
| Administration Accountant | 4,600.00 |
| Administration Assessors | 4,500.00 |
| Assessors Clerk | 10,600.00 |
| Assessors Consultant | 6,500.00 |
| Assessors Tax Maps | 2,400.00 |
| Administration Treasurer | 6,310.00 |
| Administration Tax Collector | 7,284.00 |
| Tax Title Expense | 6,000.00 |
| Administration Town Clerk | 1,500.00 |
| Election and Registration | 2,508.00 |
| Conservation Commission | 250.00 |
| Planning Board Expense | 1,600.00 |
| Zoning Board of Appeals | 500.00 |
| TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS: | \$ 136,722.00 |

Article 3: After being put on hold to express a compliment a Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Highway Department Accounts:**

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Highway Garage | \$ 12,500.00 |
| Highway Administration | 1,000.00 |
| Highway General | 100,000.00 |
| Highway Tool and Machinery | 70,000.00 |
| Highway Vac., Hol., Sick & Personal | 29,484.00 |
| Highway Salaries | 169,890.00 |
| Highway Overtime | 18,526.00 |
| Winter Roads | 80,000.00 |
| Lease Brush Tractor/Mower | 3,747.00 |
| TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | \$ 485,147.00 |

Article 4: Motion made, seconded and voted to separate the CBRSD Operating Expense from the **School and Library Account.** Motion made and

seconded to raise and appropriate the following amounts for the
School and Library Accounts:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| CBRSD Capital Expense | \$ 4,937.00 |
| CBRSD Transportation | 17,524.00 |
| Vocational Tuition | 140,448.00 |
| Vocational Transportation | 42,345.00 |
| Bryant Library Operating | 7,660.00 |
| TOTAL SCHOOL and LIBRARY | \$ 212,914.00 |

Motion carried.

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| CBRSD Operating Expense | \$ 756,424.00 |
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After being put on hold a discussion ensued and after hearing from
the CBRSD Superintendent, **the Motion carried (Yes = 22, No = 26)**
against funding the CBRSD Operating Expense.

Article 5: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and
appropriate the sum of **\$29,952.00** to the **Veterans Account.**

Article 6: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and
appropriate the following amounts to the **Protection of Persons**
and Property Accounts.

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Police Department | \$ 13,000.00 |
| Police Department Salaries | 19,400.00 |
| F.D. and Forest Warden | 21,171.00 |
| Building Inspector | 9,270.00 |
| Building Inspector Administration | 500.00 |
| Public Safety Complex Operating | 17,414.00 |
| Emergency Management | 1,876.00 |
| Animal Control Expenses | 3,500.00 |
| Tree Account | 6,000.00 |
| TOTAL PROTECTION of PERSONS and PROPERTY | \$ 92,131.00 |

Article 7: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously transfer **\$65,000.00**
from **Water Receipts** for **Water Operating** and to raise and
appropriate **\$116,162.00** for the following amounts to **Health and**
Sanitation Accounts:

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Water Operating | \$ 65,000.00 |
| Hydrant Assessments | 9,500.00 |
| Board of Health | 63,500.00 |
| Highland Ambulance | 43,162.00 |
| TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION | \$181,162.00 |

Article 8: Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash \$65,000.00** for BAN pay down and to raise and appropriate **\$115,015.00** for the following amounts to the **Debt and Interest Accounts:**

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Interest on Loans | \$ 9,600.00 |
| Safety Complex loan Interest | 45,481.00 |
| Highway Truck Loan Interest | 3,840.00 |
| Safety Complex Loan | 32,094.00 |
| Highway Truck Loan | 24,000.00 |
| BAN pay down | 65,000.00 |
| TOTAL DEBT and INTEREST | \$ 180,015.00 |

Article 9: After being put on hold a discussion ensued about the Medical Insurance, and Municipal Light Plant, which then a Motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following amounts to the **Unclassified Accounts:**

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| Insurance and Bonds | \$ 43,000.00 |
| and take from Historical Commission | 3,000.00 |
| Lawn Mowing | 5,500.00 |
| Community House | 15,808.00 |
| Phone/Internet Various Depts. | 19,000.00 |
| Town Reports | 3,400.00 |
| Council on Aging | 4,400.00 |
| Recreation Committee | 3,500.00 |
| Contributory Retirement | 57,291.00 |
| Council of Governments | 496.00 |
| Unemployment Compensation | 1,800.00 |
| Medical Insurance | 42,372.00 |
| Social Security/Medicare | 15,000.00 |
| Audit | 8,000.00 |
| Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Com | 141.00 |
| Reserve Fund | 6,000.00 |
| Municipal Light Plant | 1,000.00 |
| Berkshire Trail School Building | 47,000.00 |
| Animal Inspector | 500.00 |
| TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS | \$ 277,208.00 |

Article 10: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to set a cap of **\$3,000.00** for the **Community House Revolving Account** and a **\$12,000.00** for the **Inspectors Revolving Account.**

Article 11: Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to take this article up at a special town meeting in the future to allow time for the residents of Cummington to read and look over the **Annual 2017 Town Report** for any corrections.

Article 12: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$10,000.00** for **Cemetery Capital** (tombstone restoration).

Article 13: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$26,000.00** for **Board of Health Capital** (for a new compactor).

Article 14: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$8,000.00** for **Police Department Capital**.

Article 15: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$6,122.00** for **Highway Capital** (fire alarm system new highway building).

Article 16: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$21,000.00** for **Highway Capital** (body).

Article 17: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer from **Free Cash** the sum of **\$4,000.00** for **Fire Department Capital** (turnout gear).

Article 18: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectman to apply for any Federal, State or other grants that may be available and to expend any money received.

Article 19: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws to authorize the employment of the members of the Board of Selectmen by the Selectmen, Selectmen by the Highway Department, the members of the Board of Health by the Health Department, the Water Commissioners by the Water Department, the Assessors by the Board of Assessors, the Historical Commission members by the Historical Commission, and **to fix the rate of \$18.00** per hour as compensation for such employment; and voted to pay the Highway Department employees hired by the Water Commissioners at their Highway Department rate of pay from the Water Department Account.

Article 20: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept any available funds relating to highways including, without limitations, so-called Chapter 90 type construction monies and further vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts for the expenditure of the monies received.

Article 21: After Marty Schotz read this resolution a Motion was made, seconded, with 72 Yes, and 2 No votes it carried to adopt the following non-binding resolution.

We call on the United States to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:
renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
ending the president's sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack;
taking US nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert;
cancelling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons;
actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals

The Town Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to the two Massachusetts U.S. Senators, and to the U.S. Representative for this district and to the President and Secretary of State of the United States.

Meeting was dissolved at 8:45 p.m.

A true record of this meeting to the best of my knowledge.

Attest



Donna C. Jordan

Cummington Town Clerk

May 22, 2018

Results of Annual Town Election

May 14, 2018

The polls were open, the ballot box declared empty and working properly. Voting began at 1 p.m. and ended at 8 p.m., after 181 voters voted, resulting in the following elected officials:

| | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----|
| Selectman for three years | Monica M. Vandoloski | 163 |
| | James A. Drawe | 18 |
| Tax Collector for three years | Susan Warriner | 166 |
| Assessor for three years | Samuel Konieczny | 156 |
| Moderator for one year | Donna L. Forgea | 150 |
| Vocational School Committee for three years | Sharon Cunningham | 162 |
| Almoner of Charitable Funds for three years | Joyce A. Wiernasz | 153 |
| Commissioner of Trust Funds for two years | Kenneth Howes | 161 |
| Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years | Amanda Savoie | 150 |
| Water Commissioner for three years | Tomasz Jaracz | 155 |
| Trustee of the Bryant Free Library for five years | Eliza Dragon | 161 |
| Finance Committee for three years | Maureen L. Tumenas | 152 |
| | Scott B. Keith | 152 |
| Board of Health for three years | John G. Earls | 158 |
| Board of Health for one year | James Wettereau | 149 |
| Planning Board for five years | Kalyan Uprichard | 142 |
| Planning Board for four years | Lee Fournier-Lewis | 148 |
| Cummington Recreation Pettingill Memorial Field Committee for three years | Amy Grallert | 159 |
| | Donna L. Forgea | 146 |
| | Laurie A. Freitag | 149 |
| Municipal Light Plant Board for one year | Scott B. Keith | 148 |
| Municipal Light Plant Board for two years | Brenda S. Arbib | 153 |
| | Michael A. Perkins II | 150 |
| Municipal Light Plant Board for three years | Allan Douglas | 153 |
| | Maureen L. Tumenas | 151 |
| Hampshire Council of Gov't for three years | James A. Drawe | 133 |

Such are the results of this Annual Town Election.

Attest:



Donna C. Jordan, Cummington Town Clerk, on May 17, 2018

Special Town Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2018

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Donna L. Forgea at the Community House on Main St. with 31 registered town voters, which is more than required town quorum.

Article 1: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept Assessment of New Construction, Chapter 653, Section 40 of the Acts of 1989, Amending M.G.L. Ch 59(a).

Article 2: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$2,750.00** from **Free Cash** to the **Town Accountant Salary Account**.

Article 3: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$6,365.07** from **Free Cash** to the **Recreation Capital Account**.

Article 4: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$756,424.00** for **Central Berkshire Regional School District FY2019 Operating Expense**.

Article 5: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to transfer the sum of **\$1,000.00** from **Free Cash** to a **250th Anniversary Account**.

Article 6: Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept the 2017 Annual Town Report as printed.

A presentation from DOER by Mr. Barry acknowledged the Town of Cummington with a framed plaque, 4 street green signs and a “very large check” of \$127,245.00 grant money for the town becoming a green community.

**Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously
to dissolve this meeting at 7:27 p.m.**

This is a true record to the best of my knowledge.

Attest



Donna C. Jordan

Cummington Town Clerk

June 29, 2018

Board of Assessors

Assessors Report

Fiscal year (FY) 2018 tax rate was set at \$14.25 per \$1,000 of real and personal property value. The Town of Cummington had a single tax rate that applied to residential, commercial, industrial, and personal property. The average single-family property tax bill went from \$3,258 (FY2017) to \$3,329 (FY2018). The average assessment of a single-family residence went from \$233,014 (FY2017), to \$233,637 (FY2018).

The Board of Assessors completed their triennial revaluation of real and personal property for fiscal year 2018, as required by state law. The triennial certification review was conducted by Bureau of Local Assessment staff to ensure the proposed values were derived utilizing a methodology based on generally accepted mass appraisal practices, were supported with current market evidence and were uniformly and equitably applied to all property. The data quality, all cost and depreciation tables, and land schedules were reviewed for all real property. In addition, income producing properties were reviewed for income and expense analysis, development of the economic rent schedules, capitalization rates and correlation of the values derived from two appraisal approaches. Personal property accounts were reviewed for appropriate listing and valuation of assets along with the cost and depreciation schedules. Form of Lists were sent out. The statistics conformed to the Commissioner's standards for certification and our values were approved.

The Board of Assessors converted the town's Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) database from State CAMA to Patriot Properties. Each property record card was checked and a field review was done on commercial properties. When tax bills were generated, the yard items (detached structures) were not shown on the bill. This has since been fixed. Otherwise, the conversion was completed successfully.

The Board of Assessors helped negotiate the towns first solar farm payment in lieu of taxes PILOT agreement with Revenenergy C2 Franklin LLC, located at 133 Plainfield Road, map 9, lot 7.

Assessment of new construction, amending MGL Ch 59, section 2A(a) was approved at the Special Town Meeting June 29, 2018. This enabled assessors to collect more new growth and do permit inspections in May and June instead of January.

The board continues to inspect properties to keep our assessment data up-to-date. Personal property will also be viewed along with our regular real property inspections. Please feel free to contact the Board of Assessors to schedule a viewing.

The office is open to the public on Monday mornings from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. In addition, the assessors meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evening of each month starting at 6:00 pm.

We welcome all questions and comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Samuel Konieczny | 2021 |
| Mark Bevan | 2020 |
| Joy Johns | 2019 |

Assessor's Financial Report

RECAPITULATION

| | Fiscal 2016 | Fiscal 2017 | Fiscal 2018 |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Appropriations voted for Fiscal Year | \$ 2,244,530.00 | \$ 2,276,336.00 | \$ 2,518,952.11 |
| Appropriations voted for previous fiscal year after previous fiscal year tax rate was set | 2,244,530.00 | 2,276,336.00 | 2,518,952.11 |
| Other Local Expenditures: | | | |
| Total Overlay deficit of prior years | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Offsets | 1,963.00 | 1,935.00 | 2,002.00 |
| Other | - | - | - |
| TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES | 1,963.00 | 1,935.00 | 2,002.00 |
| State Assessments | 2,241.00 | 3,571.00 | 2,492.00 |
| County Assessments | - | - | - |
| Overlay | 14,099.81 | 14,810.64 | 14,720.29 |
| GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED | 2,262,833.81 | 2,296,652.64 | 2,538,166.40 |
| Estimated Receipts & Available Funds | | | |
| Estimated Receipts - State | 200,333.00 | 213,018.00 | 217,642.00 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS | 200,333.00 | 213,018.00 | 217,642.00 |
| Local Estimated Receipts | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | 58,000.00 | 60,000.00 | 87,000.00 |
| Penalties & Interest on Taxes and Excise | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Payments in lieu of taxes | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Water Charge | 52,200.00 | 53,200.00 | - |
| Trash Disposal Charge | 23,500.00 | 24,000.00 | 23,000.00 |
| Other Charges for Services | - | - | - |
| Fees | 2,500.00 | 3,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Rentals | - | - | 8,000.00 |
| Other Department Revenue | - | - | - |
| Licenses & Permits | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Fines & Forfeitures | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Investment Income | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Miscellaneous recurring | - | - | - |
| TOTAL LOCAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS | \$ 148,700.00 | \$ 152,700.00 | \$ 148,500.00 |

Assessor's Financial Report (continued)

| | Fiscal 2016 | Fiscal 2017 | Fiscal 2018 |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Other Revenue Sources | | | |
| Free Cash | \$ 157,505.00 | \$ 146,630.00 | \$ 315,773.11 |
| Other Available Funds | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 54,500.00 |
| Overlay Surplus | - | - | - |
| TOTAL OTHER REVENUE SOURCES | 160,505.00 | 149,630.00 | 370,273.11 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES | 509,538.00 | 515,348.00 | 736,415.11 |
| NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED (Gross amount to be raised minus Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds) | 1,753,295.81 | 1,781,304.64 | 1,801,751.29 |
| TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS | 5,084,471.00 | 4,599,354.00 | 4,375,670.00 |
| TOTAL REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS | 124,501,324.00 | 122,818,718.00 | 122,063,017.00 |
| TOTAL PERSONAL & REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS | 129,585,795.00 | 127,418,072.00 | 126,438,687.00 |
| TAX EXEMPT VALUATION | \$ 23,462,900.00 | \$ 23,429,000.00 | \$ 24,316,100.00 |
| Tax Rate per 1,000.00 Valuation by Class | | | |
| Class I - Residential | \$ 13.53 | \$ 13.98 | \$ 14.25 |
| Class II - Open Space | 13.53 | 13.98 | 14.25 |
| Class III - Commercial | 13.53 | 13.98 | 14.25 |
| Class IV - Industrial | 13.53 | 13.98 | 14.25 |
| Class V - Personal Property | \$ 13.53 | \$ 13.98 | \$ 14.25 |

Board of Health

Annual Report for FY2018

Board of Health activities for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) include:

Transfer Station Renovations

The Board of Health continues to make ongoing improvements to the Transfer Station, maintaining and upgrading the recently built Take-it-or-Leave it shed, office, and other Transfer Station buildings.

The biggest focus was making preparations for the long-planned replacement of the rubbish compactor, which was thirty years old, and had far outlived the normal end-of-life for this type of heavy equipment. All preparations were made and will be put into effect at the start of the next fiscal year (July 2018). This will be none too soon, as the old compactor failed and was deemed unrepairable on Saturday, June 16th, just weeks before the scheduled installation of the new compactor. Operations continued without skipping a beat, simply by collecting trash in an open-top bin without compacting it, until the new compactor and bin are installed.

Personnel Changes

Judith Bogart, who has served on the Board of Health for fifteen years, resigned in December, 2017. She was currently Chairperson and had Chaired for many years, and had acquired a wealth of expertise, so she agreed to remain on the Board in an advisory capacity until September of 2018. James Wettereau joined the Board of Health in August 2017, and agreed to become Chairperson. Welcome, Jim, and thank you, Judi, for your many years of service!

Respectfully submitted,

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|----------------------|------|
| Jim Wettereau, Chair | 2020 |
| Jack Earls | 2021 |

Broadband Committee/Municipal Light Plant Board

In August, Cummington's Municipal Light Board (MLP), received initial grant payment of \$390,00 from the state to begin the make ready process. We signed a contract with Westfield Gas and Electric (WG&E), to manage and subcontract for make ready work. In July, the Selectboard appointed the Municipal Light Board, until members could be elected at the next town meeting, as specified on warrant. The following members were appointed: Allan Douglas - Manager, Brenda Arbib, Scott Keith, Michael Perkins and Maureen Tumenas.

The board researched several possibilities for the Fiber Hut: Cummington Safety, Community House, and the former Berkshire Trail School. Building a separate Fiber Hut would have been a minimum of \$50,000, not including make-ready work. Cummington Selectboard approved the use of the office area in the former Berkshire Trail School on 11/30/17.

The MLP board met regularly with neighboring towns and WG&E, as our fiber project moved forward. Work with adjoining towns addressed: edge cases (houses that are in Cummington but are reached from another town); agreements to share fiber with other towns, so that we can reach our residents; interconnectivity between towns - extra bundles of fiber at our borders with Plainfield, Ashfield, Goshen and Chesterfield, so that we may connect with them.

Regular meetings were held with MLP managers of other towns. WG&E meetings were on a biweekly basis. Allan had call-in meetings with the Last Mile Liaison for the Executive Office of Housing & Development, Bill Ennen, on a monthly basis, and sent in quarterly reports on spending of state grant monies.

Precision Valley was subcontracted to do the pole mapping needed for the make ready work. The committee spent many hours reviewing maps of the four fiberhood networks in Cummington. We looked at the maps for accuracy, gave input about the design of the network for present residences, while also planning for future growth.

We reviewed all the FSA groups and the first batch of pole applications to Verizon and Eversource for make ready appraisal were sent in June. By July, 2018 our pole applications with Verizon and Eversource were completed and ready to be submitted by WG&E.

After consultation with the town's lawyer, the board voted at the December 11, 2017 meeting, to sign a MOU with Wired West. This was a non binding agreement through October, 2018, that gave Wired West the incentive to continue helping towns with documents and legal work as they worked towards a possible

cooperative agreement between towns. Jim Drawe was our town representative to Wired West and came to some of our meetings. Brenda Arbib attended meetings when to share information between Wired West and the MLP Board.

On Saturdays June 9th and 30th, the MLP Board was at the Transfer Station handing out information pamphlets, there were also Board members at the Safety Complex displaying the fiber system map, allowing residents to stop by with questions and to confirm their home was mapped correctly. The MLP board maintained updates on the town website with a link for a form, with questions for Underground Utilities. One third of the town's 177 premises are significantly affected by extra make ready. The board also had pamphlets with information about the project posted around town.

By June 2018, we saw the timeline for the completion of the town's Broadband network move from December, 2018 to Spring of 2019.

Submitted by,

Brenda Sullivan Arbib
Cummington MLP Board Secretary

Bryant Free Library

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| Total number of patrons | 938 |
| Total circulation of library materials | 1958 |
| Interlibrary loans | 12 |
| Acquisitions | 138 |
| Periodical subscriptions | 14 |

In May of 1873, William Cullen Bryant wrote to a friend *“I went to Cummington last week... I was charmed with my buildings, now completely finished – the library and the dwelling house – the library in particular, so solidly built, and so neatly.”* A month later, he wrote to the same friend *“I hear that the Cummington Library, which is now opened to the inhabitants, is much resorted to...”** Upon its opening, boasting more than 4,000 carefully chosen volumes (many of which Bryant had sent noted publisher G. P. Putnam to London to purchase), it was said that the Bryant Free Library had the finest collection of any small library in the entire country.

Bryant set a very high bar in creating this wonderful gift to his hometown, one that we keep in mind as we strive to maintain and develop the holdings here. We have just enough of the original collection for one to marvel at the impressive array of authors and titles that shine forth from tooled leather bindings sporting handsome spines, transporting the viewer back to an earlier time when the production of a book was a more celebrated art form. But a collection needs to have a current relevance, one that appeals to the library patron of today. Hopefully, in the limited space we have, we have managed to augment the broad strokes of the expected authors, titles, and subjects, with the finer highlights of the unique, the offbeat, and the unexpected. For most of all a library should never be totally predictable... it should always have surprises. If the feedback of new patrons is any indication, the BFL does have surprises, and lots of them, in many different formats.

During FY18 we presented two jazz concerts at the Community House, one in September and one in March, featuring the Beatnik Jazz All-Stars in a septet configuration. The second date was a recording session, so those in attendance got to see and hear the musicians perform with an eye (and an ear) towards documentation of the performance. Both shows were striking in their level of musicianship and thoroughly enjoyable on all levels.



Stephen M. Howes

In early January, smack in the middle of our fiscal year, we lost one of the greatest friends this library has ever had, our town historian Stephen M. Howes. He was a regular patron, generally came in on Wednesdays, and unless he had a Historical Commission meeting that night he usually stayed until closing. To talk about Cummington with Stephen was to get a sense of a bygone era, a glimpse into an earlier time when life here was less hectic. For the past fifteen years he'd managed the display case in our foyer, drawing mainly upon his own eclectic collection of stunning ephemera and curious artifacts, all carefully preserved in dog-eared manila envelopes and battered cardboard boxes. He was a one-of-a-kind character, and we seriously miss him here.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark DeMaranville
Librarian

*The Letters of William Cullen Bryant, Volume VI.
Edited by W.C. Bryant II & Thomas G. Voss
Fordham Univ Press, NY; 1992

Building Inspector

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2018

The Inspector of Buildings reports that for Fiscal Year 2018 eighty-seven (87) Building Permits were issued having a total construction value of \$ 2,387,790.00

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| Single Family Dwellings | 2 |
| Additions | 5 |
| Renovations | 10 |
| PV Solar Installations | 20 |
| Wood / Pellet Stove | 11 |
| Window / Door Replacement | 6 |
| Re-roof | 9 |
| Weatherization | 7 |
| General Repair | 17 |
| Certificates of Inspection | 2 |

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| Building Permit Fees collected | \$ 13,580.00 |
| Certificates of Inspection | \$ 115.00 |
| Total Fees collected | \$ 13,695.00 |

The Building Department currently serves the Town with office hours Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 pm with inspections generally on Mondays and Wednesdays. Other times may be available based on schedule and emergency circumstances.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph P. Latronica
Inspector of Buildings

Central Berkshire Regional School District

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following Cummington graduates from Wahconah Regional High School:

Jovan Higgins

Victoria Orlandi

Macallister Sullivan

Mackenzie Sullivan

We wish you the best in your new endeavors.

Central Hampshire Veterans' Services

District Wide

Over the past year we have had some real challenges and have accomplished plenty. We continued to work with the Massachusetts Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness on the implementation of the Integrated Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Veterans, identifying veterans experiencing homelessness, and developing appropriate permanent housing models for them, i.e. Soldier On's Gordon H Mansfield veterans community in Leeds.

In our role at the Hampshire County Housing Court in Hadley on a weekly basis to address the needs of veterans who are at risk of homelessness, we prevented three veterans and their families from falling into homelessness. Two of the cases were resolved by connecting the families with the VA HUD/VASH (VA supportive housing) program in order to get a voucher. The voucher allows the veteran to pay 30% of their family income and to be provided with a case manager to assist with ongoing challenges. The third veteran's case was resolved by providing one-time rental arrearages.

The Department of Veterans' Services has continued its participation in all of the above programs in order to continue striving for our goal to end veterans' homelessness. The Three County Continuum of Care is continuing its work with the veteran "by name list" even as we go through changes in the collaborative agency that houses the Continuum of Care from the Hilltown CDC to Community Action of the Pioneer Valley. We look forward to working with this new partner that many feel is a very good match with the mission and the current activities and priorities of Community Action of the Pioneer Valley. Our department also is at the table with the town of Amherst homelessness committee led by the Department of Public Health and the Amherst housing trust, identifying veteran guests at Craig's Place or those living in encampments within the town limits and assisting them to permanent housing.

Our district-wide objectives for the coming year are for one, to significantly increase our outreach efforts in low-income housing developments in our towns' Housing Authority properties to ensure we haven't missed residents eligible for our benefits and services. It is estimated that we should be regularly serving 1 veteran or their dependent in the community for every 1000 citizens. We meet that standard in many of our communities but not all and we hope to reach that goal district wide in the coming year. Secondly we are planning to become a SNAP Outreach Partner in order to more directly assist Veterans and families access to this federal program. Currently, veterans and their families either need to go to Holyoke or Greenfield to a DTA office for in person applications. We plan to assist our clientele with the ability to do it right in any of the offices that we working. We plan to begin in the spring or early summer of 2019.

A few of the more notable events that we supported in the small towns in the district this year include, Purple Heart ceremonies, Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, and the Cummington Fair. The Town of Middlefield and the Town of Worthington both became Purple Heart Communities this year. The Middlefield ceremony took place on June 23rd at Bell Cemetery. A police escort convoy traveled from the Springfield Vet Center to Bell Cemetery to honor the grave of Revolutionary soldier, Sgt. Elijah Churchill. Sgt. Churchill was the first recipient of the Badge of Military Merit awarded by Gen. George Washington. On November 12th, The Worthington COA was gracious enough to host the Worthington Purple Heart ceremony at their annual potluck luncheon. The District Director, Steve Connor, was pleased to present the proclamation for the town.

On Veteran's Day, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI. A ceremony was held at the Williamsburg Veterans' War Memorial. As part of the ceremony we participated in a national tolling of the bells, referred to as, "The Bells of Peace." Roy Beals tolled the bell in remembrance of those who served in WWI. Our guest speaker was Haydenville native, Bethany Ouimet. She spoke of her father, Carl Hemenway's, service with the 104th Infantry Regiment during WWI.

As usual, we set up a veterans outreach booth at the Cummington Fair. The fair has always been a successful forum to provide information to veterans' and their families. We work with representatives from other veterans' organizations such as, the VA, the Vet Center, employment service reps. and education reps. As to be expected, VA benefits and services were the most common topic of discussion. This year was particularly successful in terms of helping veteran's sign up for VA Health benefits right on the spot. We are looking forward to continued success and productivity in the months to come.

One of the primary objectives of Central Hampshire Veterans' Services is to administer state veterans' benefits in accordance with M.G.L. CH 115. In CY 2018, the Town of Cummington helped two veterans and their dependants with, needs based, financial assistance. The total amount of benefits issued by the town was \$8433.17. The town received a reimbursement of \$6324.88 from the state for benefits issued.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J. Geryk
Veterans' Service Officer

Conservation Commission

FY 2018

The Cummington Conservation Commission is charged with enforcing the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The law protects not only wetlands, but other resource areas, such as land open to flooding (100 year flood plains), the riverfront area (added by the rivers protection act), and land under water bodies and waterways. The Con Comm is also responsible for upholding the Westfield Rivers' Wild and Scenic designation. The main objective of all of the legislation/acts is protection of the Town's precious water resources.

The law regulates many types of work in resource areas, including vegetation removal, regrading, and construction of houses, additions, decks, driveways, and commercial or industrial buildings. If you want to work in a wetland resource area or within 100 feet of a wetland (an area called the buffer zone), contact the conservation commission before you start work.

If you are unsure whether your proposed work site is in a resource area or whether the work will alter a resource area, you can apply for a Request for Determination of Applicability. If the conservation commission determines that the work will alter a resource area, you must file an application, called a Notice of Intent (NOI), and pay an application fee.

Most of the meetings held were of a routine nature, i.e., discussion of proposed building projects (along with subsequent visits to 8 sites so as to sign off on the building permit). Three Request for Determination hearings were held as follows: water mitigation project at the W. Cummington Church Parish House; resurfacing of tennis court at the recreation complex; proposed road resurfacing project for Dodwells, Potash Hill, Potash Hill Extension and Bryant Roads. Three Notice of Intent hearings were held as follows: driveway and bridge for proposed house being built on Stage Road; creation of a hiking path within the Bryant Homestead property including the repair of existing woods road used for sugarbush management and proposed residence on W. Cummington Road. Much discussion over several meetings on development of property at 337 Berkshire Trail (apple storage property), however, as of 6/30/18, the Conservation Commission had not received a Notice of Intent.

Minutes of each meeting and hearings held are published on the Town of Cummington's website.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Douglas, Chairperson

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| Allan Douglas, Chair | 2021 |
| Robert Arbib | 2019 |
| Robert Dextraze | 2020 |
| Matthew Draw | 2021 |

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| John Eisenhour | 2020 |
| Sarah Fournier-Scanlon | 2021 |
| Gerald Howes | 2019 |

Cummington Council on Aging

July 2017 – June 2018

The Cummington Council on Aging (COA) makes services available to the town's 304 residents ages 60 and over, and their families. Funding for programs comes from the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs, the town of Cummington and through the generous donations from our community.

With the exception of August, potluck luncheons were held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, before which HOPE nurse Robyn Laferriere offered blood pressure screenings. The luncheons also featured informational presentations and performances. They were well attended with an average of 33 seniors and meals being delivered to an average of 5 homebound residents monthly. The annual July picnic included recognition of the Board of Directors for another year of service to the COA and the senior community.

Activities included a Healthy Bones and Balance exercise class which ran twice a week with an average of 11 seniors, with both men and women participating. Following Monday's class is a Coffee Hour that is open to all. Running independently are "The Living Fully, Aging Gracefully and Befriending Death" group which meets monthly in the Community House Library and the April through November monthly "Ladies Lunch Bunch" group. A Tap Dancing class with 6 people in attendance ran for half the year.

The Neighbor to Neighbor ride program continues, funded solely by donations from our community. A small reimbursement is provided to neighbors who transport senior neighbors to medical appointments, etc. Although seniors are encouraged to use the FRTA van for transportation to Northampton for shopping every Tuesday, the need for the one-on-one driver still continues in our hilltown community. The one-on-one driver also provides companionship and thereby helps reduce the amount of isolation the senior might otherwise be feeling.

The newsletter continues to be a popular source of information and is being mailed or emailed to all 304 Cummington seniors. The newsletter is regionalized in conjunction with the Northern Hilltowns Consortium of Councils on Aging. It provides residents with local Cummington news and the regional section tells them what is going on around the region that may be of importance to them and their peers.

The Council on Aging is most thankful to the town for the office space provided in the Community House and the weekly use of the Conference Room and Kitchen. We appreciate the many services that the town provides that enable us to continue to serve our senior population.

The Council on Aging would also like to extend a sincere “thank you” to our local Cultural Council. Without the grants they provide to performers and speaking guests, our COA would not be able to provide the varied types of entertainment and educational programs that we do.

The year began with an interim Director, Kathleen Knox, who kept the program running while we advertised for a new coordinator. We thank Kathleen for the services she provided. Anne Parsons was named the new coordinator and began a three-year term on October 1st.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M. Parsons
Coordinator

Cummington Council on Aging Board of Directors consists of:

Elliot Ring, Chairman
Worth Noyes, Recording Secretary
Margaret Daniels, Corresponding Secretary
Kathleen Knox
Ann Lambert
JoDee Simard

Cummington Cultural Council

Annual Report

The Cummington Cultural Council is the local arm of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Each council is required to maintain at least five appointed members, and each individual can serve two terms. We currently have seven members. Kimberly Wachtel and Beckie Kravetz are co-chairs, both are serving their second terms. The remaining members are in their first term. Patricia Brundage oversees the Community House Gallery.

| Name | Title | Name | Title |
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| Brundage, Patricia | Member | Bye, John | Member |
| Dragon, Eliza | Member | Ferrin, June | Ex-Officio |
| Johns, Jeanne | Member | Kravetz, Beckie | Co-Chair |
| Tower, Seva | Member | Wachtel, Kimberly Repas | Co-Chair |

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

The activities of the Cummington Cultural Council are chiefly to administer state-granted funds and to manage the gallery aspect of the rooms at the rear of the Community House. Every three years, as required by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, local councils must seek input from the community. Our most recent community survey was in 2017, and the results of that survey informed our current granting cycle.

GRANTS

The Cultural Council funds are earmarked for supporting arts, humanities and science projects. For fiscal year 2018 we were allocated \$4,817 in funds. We received 35 applications and funded 17 projects. The Council gave priority to projects with a clear local benefit, applicants that utilize Cummington town facilities, projects that serve elders and children, and new or original ideas. We looked for evidence of the applicants ability to successfully complete the proposed project and the ability to address the diverse cultural needs of our community.

GALLERY

During the 2018 fiscal year, the Gallery featured 6 artists. The exhibitions included watercolors by Fran Henry, the fourth annual Heart of the Hilltowns portrait show by Jeanne Johns, Photographs by Pat Brundage, folk art inspired floral paintings and mixed medium embroidery art by Kim Wachtel and a group show of watercolors from the class taught by June Ferrin. In June the Community House Gallery served as the information hub for the first annual Hilltown Open Studio Tour, featuring the work of 26 Hilltown artists working in a variety of media.

Finance Committee

July 1 2017 thru June 30 2018

There were two transfers made from the \$6,000 reserve fund.

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| 1) Highway Garage account: | \$1,737 | Up grade to fuel pump |
| 2) Tax title account: | \$2,200 | On going tax takings |
| Returned to free cash | \$2,063 | |

Two years of tax rate increases does not in itself set a trend, but we must be aware of several big ticket items (highway truck, school roof, Broadband, and pending withdrawal from CBRSD) which are about to kick in and will have a direct impact on our tax bill.

We urge all DEPT. HEADS to control spending as you have done in the past. Strategic planning and cooperation can have a positive impact on future spending.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Forgea Chair
Susan Warner Treas/Coll
Donna Forgea Moderator
Maureen Tumenas
Scott Keith
Jill Figlozzi
Daniel Loux
Gerry Wilcox

Fire Association

Over the past year the Cummington Fire Association was under the leadership of President Steven Emerson, Treasurer Dennis Forgea, and Clerk Bernard L. Forgea.

We are now in our fourteenth year of service being provided by Highland Ambulance. We could never have imagined what a positive impact this service was going to have on all of our responders and, on our communities. Our collective regret is that we didn't do this years earlier! The level of service is improving each month and we are nearly at 24/7 Paramedic coverage. Of course, we still maintain our local First Responder training so we can provide patient care and support while Highland is responding. Every three years our own personnel must receive a 21-hour refresher in First Aid and patient support. Our few EMTs (3) must recertify every 2 years. Anyone interested in becoming an EMT please contact us. Our numbers are rapidly dwindling.

The electrical connection at Alice's Kitchen that we noted last year has been installed so that in case of a large weather event with widespread power outages we will have a source of food for our First Responders and Emergency responding personnel. We also have made some arrangements with the Spruce Corner restaurant to provide a generator there so they will be able to feed the general public in similar events. These are no small undertakings. We need to be prepared to take care of the caregivers. In fact, this past year we did get food from the Spruce Corner restaurant to feed our responders during snow events when we had our Emergency Center open at the Public Safety Complex. Members of Sarah Fournier's CERT team were there providing a "call center" contacting residents to check on everyone's wellbeing. This effort was well received by the many residents contacted. A **WELL DONE** to Sarah and the CERT team.

Another year and another fair is behind us. We cannot say **THANK YOU** enough to all who support our efforts. Words are simply inadequate. The hundreds of hours of labor, parkers, mowing, sign making, and so on. It is truly unbelievable how so many come together to make this weekend the huge fund-raising success that it is. We want to remind everyone that the funds raised through our efforts go back into the Fire Assoc. to be utilized for Public Safety in our area. Only recently have we had to consider hiring some personnel to assist us with parking. Our goal here is to try to utilize our High School sports teams and coaches so we support their needs as well as our own. It needs to be pointed out that we employ 80+ personnel in our raffle and parking efforts. **THIS DOES NOT COUNT OUR FIRE-EMS PERSONNEL.** We want to say a **THANK YOU** to Rich and Sarah Fournier families and Dennis and Donna Forgea for once again opening their land to us for parking use. Their willingness to allow us to use their property tremendously enhances our parking efforts. Their land enables us to much more efficiently park vehicles and keep the roads open. If we used only one parking lot with a single entrance we have issues getting vehicles off the roads quickly, so the traffic backs up blocking access for emergency vehicles. By using multiple lots and a coordinated effort through

the use of two-way radios borrowed from Eversource, we are much more able to manage this situation. Many Thanks to Eversource for the loan of this equipment.

A tremendous **THANK YOU** to those who quietly support us all year doing the many unseen, unsung things that need doing. Roger Gunn, George Propane, Chad Wagonet, Ed Morann, our own Town Board of Selectmen, Board of Health to name just a few.

We need to say a special **THANK YOU** to the Fair Board and interim President Albert Judd for their, and his, personal assistance during this year's fair. Due to unending rain we were swimming into parking spaces instead of driving into them this past year. Albert was stepping in to fill the shoes of long time President George Dole who was away on sick leave for much of the time we were laying plans for the fair. Albert stepped in and, with the assistance and support of the Fair Board, we were able to successfully work around some difficult situations. Not the least of which was potentially having to park down in the village and, once again bus patrons up to the fair. Thank goodness this did not become a reality. However, we were ready and had the full understanding and cooperation of all involved. **THANK YOU** all.

This was the third year Lisa Dragon and crew took over the fair raffle project and, again, did a tremendous job. Many experienced personnel assisted Lisa, but there were also new faces behind the table. We never have time to acknowledge all of the donors individually by name but that does not diminish our sense of gratitude. There are so many great donations to the raffle and we want to take a moment here to say **THANK YOU** to all who contribute to our success. **ALSO, please patronize our donor businesses as a show of support to them.** Any questions on who the list of donors is please contact Lisa Dragon and she will be happy to provide that information. Thank you.

Finally, we want to express our gratitude to Eversource for the donation of the portable radios that makes our vast, massive parking project possible. Without the radios it is nearly impossible to operate over such a large area using hand and arm signals. However, there was a time...!

We also want to say a **THANK YOU** to all of the men and women and their Fire Departments that come each year, and then year after year, to volunteer their time to provide Public Safety protection to the thousands of fair goers. Without these individuals it truly is impossible for Cummington to cover all of the venues and events at the fair. No **THANK YOU** would be complete without saying **THANK YOU** to MA State Police for their participation in the fair. MSP brings a mobile communications trailer and parks it next to our command trailer and then through the magic of electronics they integrate the two units into one communications center serving all of our mutual aid partners and emergency personnel. To simply say we are grateful is so understating our gratitude!

We appreciate all everyone does for us, and with us, all year long. We are always seeking dedicated individuals to assist us with providing for the Public Safety of our area.

Members of the Cummington Fire Association, Inc.

Fire Department

During the past year the Fire Dept. was directed by First Asst. Chief Dennis Forgea, Second Asst. Chief Steven Emerson, Third Asst. Chief Adam Dragon, Lt.'s Rob Dextraze, and Robert Ely. The Department responded to the following calls during this period.

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| Chimney Fires | 3 |
| Vehicle crashes | |
| <i>(one of which involved 6 different vehicles)</i> | 10 |
| Trees on Lines | 1 |
| Mutual Aid | 5 |
| Alarms | 8 |
| Training Classes | 7 |
| Structure Fire | |
| <i>none of our own. However, we did respond</i> | |
| <i>to 1 mutual aid structure fire</i> | 0 |
| Medical Calls | 39 |
| Aerial Lift | 34 |
| Total | 107 |

Our total call volume fell slightly over the previous year with fewer medical calls and a few less vehicle crashes. We did respond to a particularly bad vehicle crash call in Cummington where a vehicle went behind the guard rail in West Cummington, struck and broke off an electric pole, bringing 23,000 volt primary electrical wires down on the guard rails, and causing a fire some mile and a half away. By the time we sorted out all of the hazards involved in this event, we considered ourselves extremely fortunate to not have had any of our personnel injured, and to have successfully rescued the driver of the vehicle that caused the crash in the first place.

This was Cummington's worst call over the past year. What turned out to be a "vehicle crash" for statistical reporting was much more serious than the numbers and the reporting demonstrate. There were numerous individuals involved who stopped to assist our department and each of them was at risk of electrocution as well as every single member of the department. When the wires came down on the guard rails, the rails were energized for however long there were continuous guard rails! On top of that problem, the wires started a fire in the vegetation along the roadside and the firefighters were not able to move in and extinguish the flames due to the electrical hazard exposure. Additionally,

running under the street from the crash site is a metal culvert (same as any metal electrical conduit) which was next to the metal guard rail across the street, thereby creating an extended potential electrical hazard there as well! Since this event took place on Route 9, a huge gathering of onlookers and individuals wanting to help were attracted to stop. Many of our personnel spent much of the time keeping these people away from, and safe from, the potential electrical hazards until Eversource could arrive and deenergize the conductors. Many thanks to all who responded and worked so carefully to insure everyone's safety.

This past year saw the Fire Department begin paid details at events at the fairgrounds. The Renaissance Faire hired the Fire Department for fire coverage at the Faire's now annual event. Using experiences gained, and knowledge learned at the Cummingtown Fair, the Fire Department was able to create a coverage detail that provided greater flexibility, with fewer personnel and less apparatus, than would normally be required for such an event. Again, many thanks to all who contributed to this effort.

Two years ago, we noted that we had developed a Cold Weather Drafting Protocol because of the severe winter we had experience the previous winter. Because of the balmy winter, we never, not one time, had to utilize it! We still do have the plan and equipment so when, not if, winter does return, we will be prepared. We still do have the equipment if ever needed, and the protocol is still in place so ... if winter comes again!

Our equipment (hose, ladders, pumps) continue to be annually tested by outside vendors. As well, we continue to have our annual service on our vehicles performed by certified mechanics from an outside agency. Our intention is to insure we have properly operating equipment maintained by licensed, certified individuals. This reduces the risk of failure of the equipment at inopportune times, and very importantly, helps protect the Town's liability interests. We have replaced two ladders that have failed the testing and several lengths of hose. The pumps have all performed well and the trucks are serviced annually. Having equipment serviced and maintained is reassuring. A final note here. Our 1989 Engine-1, an International truck with a Waterous pump unit, is past the time it should be replaced as a first line piece of Emergency apparatus. Mechanically, we have maintained the truck and pump very well. The issue comes in the technology of the entire system. This venerable piece of apparatus needs to be replaced with equipment that meets the needs of today's Firefighters and the challenges they face.

With declining membership in the department, we do not have personnel enough to support labor intensive operations such as large diameter and lengthy hose lays for Fire suppression. Today the emphasis is on Compressed Air Foam Systems (CAFS) to extremely lighten the weight of hose lines while

providing many more times (up to 7 times) more suppression power to the hose crew when they open the nozzle onto a fire. This becomes so important with the fewer numbers of Firefighters we now have in the department. **This is not just a Cummington centric issue!** This is a national issue and one that our community needs to heed.

The number of individuals willing to volunteer for the demands of today's Fire service are declining at an alarming rate. In days gone by we only pulled hose and fought fires once in a great while. Oh, maybe there was an occasional vehicle crash thrown in but, by and large, we had a fairly routine and mundane operation. Today we are expected to respond to medical calls and have training to match, such as CPR and Defibrillation. Same with Hazardous materials which may exist in potential domestic and other events, such as acts of terrorism, and may expose our personnel. Even the fires we do encounter no longer are the "your dad and mom's" fire. By that I mean, no longer are ordinary combustibles such as natural fibers like wood and paper the primary fuel for fires. Today many, many things (look around your home and see) are petroleum-based products, PLASTIC! The fibers in furniture, rugs and clothing are synthetic, and when these items burn, they give off huge amounts of powerful, poisonous gasses and are much more difficult to extinguish than ordinary combustibles such as wood and paper. I can go on and on but I think it is not necessary. I believe that most will agree the task of a Firefighter has become many times more dangerous and complicated than it was "back in the day," and there are so many less of us to do the job. For these reasons I am asking the Town to begin the process to replace our aging Engine-1 with a **vehicle designed and equipped** to meet the needs of today's Firefighters. I will be asking the Finance Committee and Selectboard to begin to work with the Fire Service to this end. Thank you.

Along the lines of testing it may be of interest to some to know how and where we test. We need an area that is several hundred feet long; preferably sloped to assist draining hose lines filled with water. Best if the area is blacktop, better yet if off the roadways. Still better is if the area is a hundred feet, or so, wide to accommodate vehicles passing through the test area. We used to use the rest area in West Cummington on Route 9, just west of the old Berkshire Snow basin Ski area. With the state utilizing that space for their equipment and supplies while they repair several bridges on Route 9, we had to move to the old air strip in Worthington, known locally as Worthington International. Donald Chase, the owner of this property, has graciously allowed us complete use of his property for our testing which, covers nearly every department in the hill towns. A very sincere THANK YOU to Don Chase for his generosity.

As always, we seek new members. If anyone is interested we spent considerable time last year on this subject. Rather than repeat it all again here I would ask everyone to review this space in last year's Fire Dept. report and refresh

your memories. I will say this. What we do is not for everyone and, everyone is not for what we do. HOWEVER, we have jobs, tasks and a place for most everyone. Please take a few minutes and consider “giving back” and “forward” to our town. We have been extremely fortunate to have the members we have. THANK YOU to each of you.

I wonder how many noticed the appointment of Adam Dragon to Asst. Chief (first paragraph)? This very well is a harbinger of things to come. As several experienced, senior members of the Fire Department contemplate closing out their respective roles in the department, it will mean the final chapter in this edition of the Cummington Fire Dept.’s legacy book will come to a close. New members and newly appointed officers will have a completely blank set of pages for their legacy book and will begin to collectively write their history and excitement for the department. Times do change and along with time changing go personnel changes as well. Fresh ideas, renewed motivation and in particular new, and fresh, energy to face the many and ever-increasing challenges facing Emergency Response personnel. It was stated earlier in this report that there are many less volunteers today (and declining) than “back in the day.” **This loss of personnel has to, must be, made up somehow.** What the new department will be faced with, and seeking the support of the town, is, to the degree possible, replacing personnel with technology, and continuous recruiting. That process has begun, but needs much more attention and work. It is the hope of the aforementioned experienced senior members of the department that an effort to rebuild the coalition of public officials, community members and the department will lead to solutions to many of these challenges. There is a saying, “It takes a Community...,” and, “Together we can...” You fill in the rest.

Finally, the members of the Cummington Fire Dept. want to say **THANK YOU** to the residents and friends of the Town for all of the support you provide. Without your support it is very difficult to continue doing such a tough job. It is through your kindness and support that we manage to keep responding. **THANK YOU.**

Respectfully,

Bernard L. Forgea – Chief
and Senior Members
Cummington Fire Dept.

Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc.

FY 2018 Annual Report

Operations

Highland Ambulance is the primary ambulance service provider for the towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield and Williamsburg. Highland also provides primary back-up in the town of Worthington in support of Hilltown Ambulance of Huntington. Paramedics are on duty at Highland's station in Goshen from 6 AM until midnight seven days a week. During the midnight to 6 AM time period, Highland EMTs are assisted by Paramedics from other ambulance companies when the service of a Paramedic is required. Highland's active roster as of June 30, 2018 consisted of 37 members including 18 Paramedics and 19 EMTs. Our Service Director and Assistant Service Director are two fulltime paramedics and this year we did hire a fulltime Basic EMT to solidify our staffing pattern. Thus we now have three fulltime employees. In addition, we increased our administrative assistant hours to help us with clerical duties.

Dr. Peter Morse is our Medical Director.

Mission

The mission of Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc. is to provide the full range of emergency medical services to the member communities. These services include:

- Providing training and certification testing for all first responders.
- Developing and practicing emergency response plans with the schools and camps in the member towns.
- Conducting health and safety classes for the schools.
- Working with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Homeland Security to develop emergency response plans for the member towns.
- Providing mutual aid and paramedic intercept services to the neighboring communities.
- Providing transport services.
- Providing standby service for major emergency situations, e.g. house fire.
- Providing standby service for major community events such as the Chesterfield Parade, the Ashfield Fall Festival and the Cummington Fair.
- Responding to all 911 calls that may require emergency medical services
- Providing CPR programs to community members

Emergency Responses

During FY 2018 Highland responded to 648 emergency calls. These are broken down by Town as follows:

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| Ashfield | 91 or 14.2% | Chesterfield | 67 or 10.3% |
| Cummington | 81 or 12.4% | Goshen | 66 or 10.2% |
| Plainfield | 93 or 14.4% | Williamsburg | 214 or 32.8% |
| Other | 36 or 5.7% | | |

Training

The following is a partial list of special training events held:

- CPR and First Responder trainings for Emergency Service Personnel, Police, & Firefighters.
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS).
- Medical Management Classes.
- ALS/BLS interface classes for area EMTs.
- Several Paramedics had the opportunity to participate in a cadaver lab to practice bone injections and advanced airways.
- Mass Casualty Incident training class for all area EMTs and 1st Responders.
- Basic EMT refresher courses.
- Paramedic refresher courses.
- Bio-hazard class.
- Fire Rehab class.

Community Involvement

Highland provided support to our communities including:

- Ambulance Coverage for Community events including the Chesterfield 4th of July Parade, the Cummington Fair, the Ashfield Fall Festival.
- Safe Day at Sanderson Academy, New Hingham, and Anne T. Dunphy schools.
- On January 3rd, 2018, Highland hosted a Board & Finance Committee meeting with all 6 of our participating towns.
- Met with the administrators of the new Swift River Addiction Center in Plainfield to discuss 911 responses.
- Highland hosted a Red Cross blood drive here at our station.
- Donations paid for CPR manikins, an OB manikin and a Needle Cricothyrotomy manikin.

- EMT coverage at the Chesterfield Gorge for a 5K run.
- In May, Highland finalized a payer-of-last-resort agreement with the Swift River Rehab Center to cover cost related to patient transports for which we could not obtain insurance information.

Operating Expenses in FY 2018: \$ 643,499.56

Cash On Hand June 30, 2018

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| Operating Funds | \$ 10,287.03 |
| Ambulance Fund | 151,626.56 |
| Memorial Fund | 30,677.86 |
| Dresser Fund | 4,071.21 |
| Donations | \$ 38,367.02 |

Our six towns contributed \$393,799.56 of our total operational budget, based upon town assessments. The balance came from billings to insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid and contributions. Our collection rate is approximately 94% of our allowables.

Building

There were a number of small repairs/changes that were not anticipated but needed to be completed in the new facility. These expenses were met either through our current budget or from donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Highland Ambulance Board of Directors:

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| Ashfield | Patricia Thayer |
| Goshen | Donald Boisvert |
| Chesterfield | Spencer Timm |
| Plainfield | Edward Morann |
| Cummington | Amanda Savoie |
| Williamsburg | Leslie Smith |
| At-Large | Bernard Forgea (Cummington) |
| At-Large | Cassandra Morrey (Goshen) |
| At-Large | Douglas Mollison (Ashfield) |

Highway Department

This year the Town purchased a 2017 International Dump Truck with all-season body and a wing plow.

Chapter 90 work consisted of re-paving Savoy Road and Nash Road. The Highway crew also put out a large amount of gravel on numerous dirt roads in Town.

The Highway crew graded all but two dirt roads for the year. The crew also cleaned shoulders on dirt roads and blacktop roads. The cleaning of ditches, waterways and culverts was also done as part of the maintenance surrounding our roads.

The Town hired the fourth highway crew member on July 31, 2017. Bob Dewkett came on board. Unfortunately Bob stepped down that fall. The Town hired James Kaleta in February.

I would like to give thanks to the highway personnel, Robert Dextraze, Jaime Crane and James Kaleta, for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you to you the citizens of Cummington for your patience and understanding. Thank you for also supporting the Highway Department.

If you have concerns, the telephone number to the Highway Garage is: 413-634-8818.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Taylor
Highway Superintendent

Historical Commission

June 30, 2017 to July 1, 2018

The largest and most difficult event for the Historical Commission was the unexpected death of our long-term member, Stephen Howes. He was very knowledgeable about the families and history of Cummington. He was the only member of the current commission who had long family roots in Cummington. He would often be in charge of setting up the dining room table display in the Kingman Tavern Museum. He also provided fresh flowers from his garden. Once with a school group, Stephen wrote each of their names on a card in his beautiful old-fashioned script using a quill pen as a small memory of their day. The children were fascinated! Recently, he was spending a lot of time trying to identify people in old photos that we have. We miss him, his expertise and all the help he provided to the preservation of Cummington history, lore and ways of living.

Richard Wilbur also passed away this year. Although he was never a member of the commission, he was one of the original group of volunteers who worked on rehabbing the Kingman Tavern Museum. He also volunteered to read his poetry at several of our events.

Leslie Keller has joined the commission. She will be working on the many genealogical requests that we receive. We are very happy to have her help.

Our card catalogue is also now computerized. Thank you, Karen Westergaard for the countless hours you put into this project! It is so helpful in finding items for special exhibits and if family members inquire about a donation.

We are also happy to have purchased track lighting for our special exhibition space in the Old Parsonage building. We hope that people will come to see our exhibits here. We participated a bit in Cummington's Rag Shag parade with a small exhibit featuring items from Leslie Porters' embalming tools. Thank you, Laura Sheridan, for your delicious caramels. Thanks also to Carla Ness, Hannah Streeter and Lyle Hazel.

We are happy to announce the winner of the William Streeter Scholarship Award is Sunny Eiseman for her excellent essay. This is an annual scholarship given for compositions on Cummington history. The winning writer, who needs to be a Cummington high school aged senior, receives a \$2,000 scholarship after completing the first quarter of college. Please encourage high school seniors you know to apply!

We had 107 visitors to our museum complex. If you have not visited, please do. With the Kingman Tavern, the store, the barn, the carriage shed, the cider mill and our new exhibition space in the Old Parsonage, there is something to interest everyone. We are open Saturdays 2-5 in July and August. You may also call a commissioner to set up a special tour for small groups. Thanks to all our volunteers and guides for all their help. If interested in volunteering or guiding, please contact Carla Ness, 413 634-8081.

Historical Commission Financial Report

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Balance July 1, 2017

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| Revolving Account | \$ 2,868.12 |
| | <u>\$ 2,868.12</u> |

Receipts

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| Museum donations | 63.44 |
| Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol I</i> , 1 @ \$25.00 | 25.00 |
| Sale of <i>Only One Cummington Vol II</i> , 1 @ \$50.00 | 50.00 |
| Sale of <i>Bicentennial History</i> , 2 @ \$5.00 | 10.00 |
| Sale of <i>Vital Records</i> , 1 @ \$25.00 | 25.00 |
| Sale of <i>Cummington Cookbook</i> , 1 @ \$5.00 | 5.00 |
| Sale of <i>Miniature Rooms</i> , 1 @ \$4.00 | 4.00 |
| Sales tax | 11.06 |
| other sales | 58.00 |
| Donations in memory of Dunham family | 200.00 |
| Donations in memory of Barbara Goldsmith | 150.00 |
| Donations in memory of Stephen Howes | 580.00 |
| FY17 Interest and Dividends | 20,137.63 |
| Withdrawal from Money Market Fund | 1,741.60 |
| | <u>23,060.73</u> |

Income:

Dividends and Interest:

Common Stock

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| Advansix Inc | 0.00 |
| Altria Group Inc. | 2,038.25 |
| BP AMOCO PLC SPONS ADR | 942.48 |
| Bristol Meyers Squibb Co. | 1,093.36 |
| Chevron Corp. | 1,760.00 |
| Emerson Electric Co. | 1,161.00 |
| General Electric Co. | 2,160.00 |
| Honeywell Intl Inc. | 243.60 |
| International Business Machs Corp. | 1,214.00 |
| Johnson & Johnson | 991.80 |
| Kellogg Co. | 615.60 |
| Merck & Co. | 1,149.50 |
| Lilly, Eli & Co. | 541.26 |
| Pepsico Inc. | 1,504.13 |
| Pfizer, Inc. | 1,584.00 |
| Proctor & Gamble Co. | 1,309.41 |
| Southern Co. | 886.86 |
| Unilever | 942.38 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 20,137.63 |

Certificates of Deposit

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| Discover Bk Greenwood Del | |
| 20,000.00 3.100% matures 06/06/2022 | 275.00 |
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Money Fund Accounts

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| Federated Capital Reserves Money Fund | 24.54 |
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| | \$ 46,366.02 |
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Expenses, FY18*

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| Revolving account | 2,550.91 |
| FY18 Interest and Dividends | 20,437.17 |
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Balance; June 30, 2018 **\$ 46,366.02**

Planning Board

FY 2018

This year, the planning board, with assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, was able to present to the Town a proposal for a “Green Communities” designation from the MA Department of Energy Resources. This entailed passing of new by-laws establishing a solar overlay zoning district and adoption of the new MA stretch building code. These were passed at a special Town meeting held on October 30, 2017.

As a result, the Town was subsequently awarded a grant from the D.O.E.R. of \$127,245 to be used to reduce its energy costs, improve the local environment and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. These funds will be utilized for potential Town energy projects to be used within a period of five years in coordination with State agencies and energy vendors. Once these funds have been used, the Town can then bid for additional grant monies from the State through the D.O.E.R.

The planning board also reports the resignations of two of its members, Mark Malinak and Richard Roberge. We thank them for their service! Two new members were subsequently appointed by the Selectboard and later elected at Town Meeting: Lee Fournier-Lewis and Kalyan Uprichard.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bogart
Robert Taylor
Kathryn Harrison
Lee Fournier-Lewis
Kalyan Uprichard

Police Department

Dept. Members: Sharon Cunningham and Jeffrey Fish, Patrol Officers
Dennis Forgea, Rsv. Officer

I would like to begin by thanking the community for their continued support of the Department. For allocating a capital expenditure of \$8,000 towards records management software improvements for the Police & Fire Departments. We are diligently working to implement these improvements with our 911 Dispatch Center.

We strive to provide the highest level of professional police services to our community. To that end Police Training continues to be a major commitment. Officers are required to complete 40 hours of in service training annually as prescribed by the Massachusetts Municipal Training Council. Online Training has been a valuable asset, allowing officers to complete programs while keeping them in the community available to respond.

In response to the growing Opioid epidemic affecting the Commonwealth, we received a \$2,500 grant through the Hampshire Hope Project and the Northampton Health Department. ***This funding allowed for the purchase of a brand new semi-automatic defibrillator.***

We continue to partner with area departments, in particular the Massachusetts State Police to share information on various topics and trends affecting rural law enforcement with the focus on keeping our community safe.

Cummington Fire Department, Cummington Fire Association, and Highland Ambulance, are staunch supporters of Department operations – THANK YOU for all you do throughout the year!!

We continue our presence on Social Media, ***Cummington Emergency Services*** (Facebook) & ***@Cummington PD*** (Twitter), in effort to share real time information with our community. Please like/ follow us if you haven't already. Please share us with friends, family, visitors and neighbors. (***Accounts are not monitored 24/7***)

Please utilize Police Department Business Line (***413.634.0056***) for any non-emergency related business. Please do not hesitate to contact the department at any time!

PLEASE DIAL 911 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES!

COMMON CALLS FOR SERVICE (Include, but not limited to)

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| Alarms: | 44 | Medical Emergencies: | 41 |
| Traffic/Safety Hazards: | 29 | Motor Vehicle Crashes: | 42 |
| Motor Vehicle Stops/Complaints: | | | 64 |

TOTAL: 697

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Perkins
Chief of Police

Recreation Committee

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

The Committee has finally replaced all the chips at the Playground that washed away during Hurricane Irene. The recreation area was totally flooded including two feet of water in the building. We have also replaced ball field dirt in the infield. Finally, we purchased a new storage box for our new venture, the ice rink. All the wood, signs and liner can safely be stored for the next year. This was only possible because of Capital funds we received from the Town. This new addition to our facility was well used and enjoyed by many residents. We thank our member Eliza Dragon for her vision and coordination to make it a reality.

Your Committee members are elected officials, we receive no compensation, and everything we do is as volunteers. Our responsibility is to maintain the recreation area, pay bills that include electricity, propane, rubbish disposal, supplies for the building including the bathrooms and kitchen, supplies for Halloween, Santa's visit, ice rink, gazebo and repairs. Painting and beautifying our area is a constant ongoing responsibility. We sponsor our kids as athletes to the Hilltown Junior Olympics, which by the way, has been ongoing for over 40 years. We encourage you as parents to sign your kids up for this event. It's a team building event for our Town. Denise Perkins and our member Niki Wortis coordinate and find volunteers from town as this event takes many adults and past Olympians to successfully make it happen.

The Town takes care of the mowing, we try to coordinate with Gloria Robbins for our events that are scheduled so she has an idea when mowing and weed wacking is necessary. Gloria, thanks for all you have done for us.

We continue to rent by donation the pavilion and recreation area for your personal event. We even bartered for use this past year. A family in town agreed to spread chips, pull weeds and cut brush for use for a Birthday party. We thank the Jaracz family on Main Street for their services. The Committee felt it was well worth the trade.

Realizing that our Recreation area is also a Water Protection area, as the Town's source is located near our Tennis Court; we have special rules to abide by. No motorized vehicles beyond the fence. The Department of Environmental Protection monitors this area frequently. We along with the Water Commissioners have joined forces to protect this area.

Walking your dog at the Recreation area is fine, the Town has a leash law that we recommend you abide by, but most of all we need you to clean up after your animal. Children play there even in the winter and stepping in piles of poop from your dog is unacceptable and unsanitary.

Keep in mind that we sponsor a Town-wide tag sale. Look for details and sign up to be on our map. It is free of charge. We usually designate a Sunday, not to interfere with Saturday sales elsewhere.

To further upgrade the playground area, we purchased rubber mats for the swings and slide area to prevent deep holes from forming.

We are happy to report that the Tennis Court has been freshened up and repainted by Vermont Tennis Courts. We purchased a bench for your comfort. Please enjoy the area, behind the Water building.

Finally, we would like to thank Dennis Forgea for all he does at the Recreation area, which includes opening and closing of the building, preparing the Ball field for the Ladies Tournament, fixing picnic tables, leaks, toilet repairs and just being a person we feel comfortable calling for emergencies or help.

If you wish to rent by donation the Recreation area, please download the application on our town's web site and call our Chairperson Geraldine Wilcox to set up a date. (413-634-2136) Send your donation to our member Donna Forgea, 6 Porter Hill Road, Cummington, MA. 01026

Sincerely,

Your dedicated Recreation Committee

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| Geraldine Wilcox | Chair |
| Amy Grallert | Secretary |
| Donna Forgea | Treasurer |
| Eliza Dragon | Member |
| Niki Wortis | Member and |
| Representative to the Hilltown Jr. Olympics | |
| Laurie Fritag | Member |
| Jennifer O'Neill | Member |

Vocational School Committee

The Vocational School Committee would like to thank the Cummington Town Meeting Members for their continued support for the tuition and transportation of our students to attend Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School. Our students are receiving an excellent education with many vocational options to choose from.

Again we thank our long time bus contractor, Roger Gunn and Stevensville Corp. for the dependable service rendered to our students.

Congratulations to our only graduate in 2018:

Cassidy Hayden

We wish her well in her chosen career.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Cunningham
Theodore Lynds
Jane Adams

Water Commissioners Report

Fiscal 2018

Water Commissioners are elected officials of the Town; we receive a small stipend for our duties. Our responsibility is to provide our users with a high quality product. Which we are very proud to admit, that we do. We are also responsible to set the water rates and to make sure the bills are paid. We stick to a budget which is set at Town Meeting. We are still paying 40-year loans which were established when the new system was installed in 1989. That was almost 30 years ago. Maintenance is a big part of our duties and without a daily operator to handle these issues we would not be able to maintain our two systems. We pay bills for electricity, chemicals, loan payments, repairs, testing, licenses, training, parts, labor, telephone call systems and memberships (dues) to Associations that help us, plus the Department of Environmental Protection for our water use (this defrays their cost of monitoring our systems).

Our goal for increases in the rents has been reached. Hopefully, you should not see any more increases for now. If on the other hand we have major issues, we would need to ask for more. Holding the line for now. We are still below the average rates for the size of our systems. An average user is now paying a minimum of \$500.00 per year.

Our three storage tanks have been inspected. The report reflects that our tanks are structurally sound, cleaning is recommended and we must post signs to indicate we are OSHA compliant. We are working on a future date for the cleaning as funds become available but we have the signs and will post them.

We repaired more hydrants, replaced valve cover boxes, replaced house meters, purchased 4 more meters for the Housing of the Elderly, upgraded West Cummington with sensors, did Calibrations and an alarm. We put in a new feed pump in Cummington and purchased a pipe locator.

Thomaz Jaracz is training to be an operator. We are very happy he has stepped up to learn the daily, weekly and monthly duties. Dann Emerson continues to keep his water license current.

Testing the water is vital to keeping our town in compliance with the DEP. It keeps our systems free of bacteria, measures the lead and copper levels and further checks for any intrusions that could occur. Housatonic Basin Sampling and Testing continues to do that for us.

Water Operator Dennis Forgea continues to monitor everything; he has a keen eye for details, maintenance and operations of the systems. Even in the middle of the night after a lightning storm, to restart the pump in West Cummington. We appreciate his knowledge and dedication.

I say this every year, how important it is to pay your rents on time? We would also like you to keep the hydrants near your home mowed and shoveled out in case of a fire. Seconds count when a fire happens, especially if it's your home/barn/garage etc. Our Fire Department would also be very grateful.

If you have any questions or concerns always feel free to contact a Commissioner.

For technical questions feel free to call Dennis Forgea Operator at:
413-446-4224.

Susan Warriner, our Treasurer/Collector, collects the rents; she would also appreciate them in a timely fashion. 30 days from the date of issue. Thank you Susan for all you do.

Sincerely,

Your Water Commissioners

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| Donna L. Forgea | Chair |
| Dann Emerson | Comm. |
| Thomaz Jaracz | Comm. |
| Dennis W. Forgea | Operator |

Zoning Board of Appeals

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

During FY 2018 there were no hearings held by the ZBA. No petitions or applications for Appeals, Special Permits, or Variances were received; and no actions were taken, or decisions rendered. It was a quiet year.

The members of the Cummington Zoning Board of Appeals are:

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| Carla Ness | Chair |
| Michael Holden | Clerk |
| Kenneth Howes | Member |
| Ernest Strong | Member |
| Mark Bevan | Member. |

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Holden
Clerk

Hilltown Community Development Corporation

The Hilltown Community Development Corporation (Hilltown CDC) was created in 1981 with a mission to *“improve the quality of life for hilltown residents by addressing economic, housing, educational, social and community needs while preserving the rural character of the area.”* Its core service area includes the ten towns of Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington. In recent years its small business assistance program has expanded to serve 21 Hilltowns. Hilltown CDC’s four major program areas are affordable housing, small business assistance, social services and community development/planning. Hilltown CDC also administers a regional grant program that secures federal grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to ensure housing and services are provided to the homeless through a Continuum of Care (CoC) model which serves Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire Counties.

Hilltown CDC works with the community to identify and secure financial resources to serve the community development needs of the region. In 2017, Hilltown CDC helped the hilltown region care for the elderly, provided safe affordable housing to seniors and low-income families, improved many hilltown homes and began initiatives that support local agriculture such as the Keep Farming initiative.

GOSHEN SENIOR HOUSING: Hilltown CDC worked closely with the Goshen Senior Housing Committee for the past 5 years to develop a 10-unit Senior Housing rental project in Goshen. In 2017 Hilltown CDC secured all the financing needed to build this development. It should be noted that the Town of Goshen and the CPA committee approved and awarded \$130,000 in CPA funds toward the construction of this project located in the Town center across from the Town Hall. It is very likely that this project would not have been possible without the support of CPA funds. In addition, Hilltown CDC raised \$150,000 of private funds and successfully applied to the MA Department of Housing and Community Development and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston to secure the majority of the financing. The total development cost including the purchase of the land is \$2,738,554. This housing development will remain restricted to low to moderate incomes seniors 62 years of age or over.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION: In July of 2017 Hilltown CDC began operating the FRTA Senior Van previously operated out of the Town of Goshen. Hilltown CDC put a Program Manager in place, hired a dispatcher and hired two van drivers. Hilltown CC’s goal was to increase ridership and expand the van service over time. Hilltown CDC also received grants from MA DOT, Cooley Dickenson Hospital and Highland Valley Elder Services to support the

van service. In the first year of operation, the ridership has doubled. The FRTA is not the final solution to the transportation needs in the Hilltowns but it is a helpful resource to ensure a minimum of transportation services are available to our seniors.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Hilltown CDC's **Hilltown Elder Network (HEN)** Program delivered in-home caregiving assistance (primarily chore and transportation assistance) to low-income Hilltown elders at no cost to the participants. HEN staff provided transportation for medical visits and other purposes, including snow removal. Community Development Block Grant funding was awarded allowing Hilltown CDC to provide CDBG funded HEN services. This grant allowed these services to be delivered through calendar year 2017. Funding is also provided by Highland Valle Elder Services, Hampshire County United Way and the Eleanor Schwartz Charitable Foundation.

The following social service programs provided assistance to residents in the hilltowns with CDBG funds:

- **The Health Outreach Program for Elders (HOPE)**, administered by Hilltown Community Health Centers (HCHC), provided free in-home nursing care and podiatric services to homebound elders.
- **The Hilltown Food Pantry** distributed food to hilltown individuals. The Pantry is administered by the Northampton Survival Center at the Goshen Town Hall.
- **Child Care Subsidies**, hilltown families were provided subsidies through this program to assist them with child care expenses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE:

- Provided individualized business consulting and/or training to hilltown businesses, ranging from one hour to 30 hours per business.
- Published the 2018 Hilltown Business Directory, distributed to 16,000 hilltown households in 21 towns, with contact information and descriptions of 317 hilltown businesses in 94 categories. The Directory is also on-line at www.hilltowncdc.org.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We actively pursue opportunities to preserve and create affordable housing to meet the needs of low and moderate income Hilltown residents.

- **Westhampton Woods Senior Housing:** Hilltown CDC owns and operates Westhampton Woods Senior Housing which provides 15 apartments for low-to-moderate income seniors over 60 years old.

- **Rental Housing:** Hilltown CDC completed the renovation of 24 units of scattered affordable rental housing in six properties located in Williamsburg, Westhampton and Chesterfield in 2016. Hilltown CDC hired a local contractor to complete this project.
- **New Project Development:** Hilltown CDC completed construction of 10 rental units of affordable senior housing. Hilltown CDC secured \$2.7 million to develop this project.

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM: This program provides zero percent interest, deferred-payment loans to income eligible homeowners for use in making a wide variety of repairs to their homes, including roofs, septic systems, electrical, plumbing, and heating. In addition, the program provides a source of steady year-round employment for area contractors.

In 2017/18:

- Hilltown CDC rehabilitated 18 homes in the Towns of, Cummington, Chesterfield, Williamsburg, Peru and Plainfield.

COMMUNITY PLANNING: We also work closely with municipalities and community groups in our service area to plan for, raise funds for and/or manage a range of projects. During FY 2017/18 HCDC:

- Through extensive community engagement and planning, Hilltown CDC began operating the FRTA Senior Van in 2017 providing essential transportation services to seniors in the northern Hilltowns.
- Hilltown CDC entered into a fiscal sponsorship agreement to support new Art and Culture programming in the region. We helped sponsor the Hilltown Chautauqua series held at the Bryant Homestead.
See <http://hilltownchautauqua.org/> for more information.
- Assisted Goshen with a walk audit and town center planning.

Please visit www.hilltowncdc.org for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Christopolis
Executive Director
Hilltown Community Development Corporation

HCG Annual Report

July 2017-June 2018

Hampshire Power, the only Massachusetts-based nonprofit electricity supplier, allows local customers to power their values by keeping their energy dollars local, while giving back to the community.

Hampshire Power provides energy to 196 individual entities.

- 133 businesses
- 35 municipalities
- 16 nonprofits
- 12 residential
- 71% of all customers use green power
- Total usage: 18,705MWh
- Total Revenue: \$1,802,779

Hampshire Renewables supports local green energy initiatives by facilitating a 15% discount on participants' electricity bill through the purchase of net metering credits.

- Two local dairy farms are supported by HCG's Cow Power
- 17 solar arrays in local communities are supported by Hampshire Renewables
- Total Revenue \$51,789

HCG's Purchasing Co-op makes it easy for over 120 towns, cities, schools, and nonprofits to save money, time, and effort on major and everyday purchases.

- 52 towns
- 47 schools or school districts
- 23 nonprofits
- \$8.3M worth of goods sold
- 37 available bids
- Launched 4 new bids
- Total revenue \$137,187

HCG's Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) brokerage is the local choice to maximize your solar energy investment.

- Works with 1,482 local solar owners
- Combined systems for 13.8 MW of solar
- For a total of 8,452 SRECs
- Gross sales \$2,363,007
- Revenue \$108,377

New Alternative Energy Certificate (AEC) brokerage service helps owners of renewable energy tap into significant new financial incentives. Qualifying systems include: solar hot water, pellet central heating, woodchip boilers, air source heat pumps, and geothermal.

- Assists 65 local owners of clean heating technologies
- 12 ASHP; 21 GSHP; 4 SHW; 28 Woody biomass
- Combined systems for rated capacity of 5.872 MBtu/hr of energy
- For a total of 12,439 AECs
- Gross sales \$207,702
- Revenue \$19,433

Solarize Hot Water Western Massachusetts launched through a grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, the Commonwealth's pilot solar hot water program.

- 4 local municipalities led the clean energy charge in their communities
- Program resulted in 16 new solar hot water installations across the region

RSVP of the Pioneer Valley, the volunteer connector for people 55 and over, was awarded the Commonwealth's only Senior Corps expansion grant to extend services provided to include Hampden County.

- RSVP works with:
- 60 partner organizations
- Providing 637 volunteers
- Who contributed 95,758 volunteer hours
- 78 Healthy Bones & Balance volunteers led exercise classes for seniors at 27 sites

The Hampshire Franklin Tobacco-Free Community Partnership works to enhance state and local tobacco control efforts, mobilize support for community change, and highlight work being done in the community to support tobacco-free living.

- Helped 92 housing units in 2 local housing authorities go smoke free in 2018 (all housing authorities in Hampshire and Franklin Counties have now adopted smoke-free policies)
- Hosted 24 educational trainings on the dangers of nicotine and vaping

New Western Massachusetts OPEB Trust introduced to save public entities time and money in funding their retiree healthcare obligations.

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

FY18 Report

To Member-Town Residents of the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative:

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created in 1989 by a group of dedicated volunteers who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns attain sustainability and environmental objectives.

The member-Towns that comprise the HRMC include: Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington. Each Town appoints two representatives to serve on the HRMC Board. Board Officers for 2018 included: Joe Kearns, Chair (Middlefield); John Chandler, Vice Chair (Chesterfield); and Paul Wetzell, Treasurer (Williamsburg).

The HRMC assists hilltown member-communities with managing their solid waste including: municipal waste hauling and disposal bid administration, recycling administration, hazardous waste disposal, and, DEP compliance and technical assistance. In 2018 those services included:

- Liaison between Towns and MassDEP on compliance matters.
- Execution of an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.
- Program management of Transfer Station Recyclables including collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste (including free recycling of mercury thermostats and re-chargeable batteries), and Freon removal from appliances.
- Transfer Station operations and compliance monitoring including informal HRMC site visits as well as the formal, annual DEP 3rd Party Inspection and Reporting.
- Preparation and submittal of DEP annual surveys and reports.
- DEP Grant Administration including grant writing and reporting.

In addition to the managing the day to day business and program operations of the HRMC, the HRMC Administrator also serves as a representative on behalf of its member Towns to the MRF Municipal Advisory Board, the State Solid Waste Advisory Committee and, the group of Western Mass Regional Recycling Coordinators; advocates with local, regional, and State officials; and, is available to serve as a liaison to the DEP on transfer station operations and compliance related issues.

In 2018, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced their Recycling Dividend Program Grants (RDP) under the annual Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP). All ten HRMC member-towns were eligible for and received grants submitted for them through the HRMC. In total, the HRMC Towns received \$ 42,700.00 in RDP grant funding to be used to further enhance recycling programs within their communities.

The HRMC has an annual operation's assessment that is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The annual Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population. In FY18, the combined assessment for all ten towns was \$ 49,951. The Assessments offset base operating expenses. Recycling program collection costs (other than MRF recyclables) are pass-thru expenses from the HRMC to the Towns to best maximize the economy of scale and to enable the HRMC administrator to have review and oversight of vendor relations, and program operations.

During the past year, the HRMC member-Towns collectively diverted 928 tons of recyclable materials to the Springfield MRF. In addition, the Town of Plainfield diverted bulky rigid plastics; the Towns of Cummington, Plainfield, Westhampton and Williamsburg diverted EPS (Styrofoam); and, the Towns of Plainfield and Williamsburg diverted pellet bags. The Town of Williamsburg continued to serve as the HRMC regional mattress recycling facility. The Town of Westhampton served as the host-site for the HRMC's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.

Eight of the ten member-Towns have adopted recycling goals of 50% with the intent of increasing quantity and improving the quality of materials being recycled at their transfer stations and to reduce waste being landfilled. In 2018, the Town of Cummington had a recycling rate of 34.5%, up 1.5% from 2017.

For more information about HRMC programs, visit us online at: www.hrmc-ma.org or by emailing hrmc@hrmc-ma.org.

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Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee

The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee celebrated not one but two significant anniversaries. Fifty years ago Congress established the Wild & Scenic Program to recognize the nation's remarkable wild rivers. Twenty-five years ago the Westfield River became Massachusetts' first Wild & Scenic River following an intense study and nomination process. These dual anniversaries provided an opportunity to celebrate with several special events in addition to our usual activities and events.

The big celebratory event this year was a Wild & Scenic Film Festival. The Committee joined with several local groups and partners to carefully select a fascinating line-up of short environmental films to show for appreciative audiences at five separate venues around the region include Huntington's Gateway School, Westfield State University, Northampton, Great Barrington and Pittsfield.

The Westfield River W&S was one of only three Wild & Scenic Rivers to be selected to receive funding from Patagonia and River Network to offer a special program for the W&S anniversary. The funds were used to partner with Becket and Huntington libraries to offer a fanciful two-part family program. Younger children and their parents headed to the river to search for and learn about the unique organisms adapted to living in running water. They then utilized a section of the library to make shadow puppets inspired by all the creatures they found in the river. Children and parents worked together to perform some truly amusing vignettes on a fancy shadow puppet stage.

The Committee was fortunate to be allocated a second grant to honor the 50th anniversary of W&S Rivers. This funding from the National Park Foundation is being used to continue the work of the Highlands Footpath initiative to create a network of trails across our region. The funding focused on the East Branch Trail portion of the Footpath to help with planning and trail improvements. It is a great boost for this exciting new trail system for our region and will provide some TLC to a trail the Committee inaugurated nearly two decades ago.

The annual Watershed Blitz capped a great season of educational programs. Special focus was on native bees in the wetlands and river meadows. While our native bee populations are dropping, the summer survey did find two rare bees in Cummington - a significant find and an indication of the healthy biodiversity of our watershed. Each year the Committee offers internships to college students. This year, one student intern focused on the special native bee project

by cataloging species in the river corridor of the West Branch, while our second intern tackled a small water quality project. Both students joined our Stream Team Coordinator to walk the lower West Branch in preparation for the day-long Watershed Blitz - a gathering of specialists and river lovers to learn more about the river and document special attributes.

Our loyal volunteer trail crews worked hard this summer. We held a variety of educational and recreational work days. Participants learned more about our great natural resources while they worked to preserve and improve key trails and open spaces.

The Committee funds a great number of activities in support of our conservation priorities. We provided funding to the Friends of the Keystone Arches for a special video history of the arches. Windsor received funding to help with a pollinator project in the town. Becket-Washington School received funding to once again offer the after-school Stream Explorers program. Funding to the Franklin Land Trust helped with a Swift River land protection project.

Over the years, Wild and Scenic student interns have assessed road-stream crossings to identify culverts and bridges causing significant barriers to flow and passage. These inadequate crossings are vulnerable to damage and even complete failure during flood events. This summer the Committee entered into agreements with Cummington, Becket, and Windsor to begin the process of redesigning the worst of these road stream crossings. Knowing our W&S towns have limited capacity to manage contracts and projects, the Committee provided over \$40,000 in funds and managed the contracts and projects from beginning to end. The work included preparation of grant applications to help fund the next phases of the culvert replacements. The Windsor application was awarded significant funds and another just missed being selected. With last year's application as a starting point, Cummington is in good shape to apply for the next round of funding to fix their degraded culverts.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Wild & Scenic River Committee, please let us know: wildscenicwestfieldriver@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted,

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